



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/23/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:10 AM

Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-49512

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
01/23/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/12/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/11/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 2	Room G	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	20	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 2	Special Use		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	A Left Front	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B 2nd left	One Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
Main	C Center lunchroom		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	D - right side		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	E 3rd Left	Infants	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	Room F - Back Left	Infants	2	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 65		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 129			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Playground E	19	C
Main	Playground A	16	C
Main	Playground B	28	C

Main	Playground C	45	C
Main	Playground D	12	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Candance Warren, Program Official	Date
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Jeanne Noble-Duncan, Process & QI Unit Consultant	Date
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Stacy Whitten, Process & QI Unit Consultant	Date
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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Please ensure all children's records are complete with parent work addresses and doctors addresses.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Consultant discussed with Director to monitor the infant diaper table in the back infant classroom and ensure diaper ointments and wipes are not accessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor and repair or replace the metal pole ties on the back preschool playground where they are becoming detached from two poles, and the metal pole tie on the pole next to the right infant playground, where rust is developing. Also, discussed to monitor the gap between the wall and pole by the right infant playground to ensure it is not more than three and a half inches.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with Director to repair or replace the infant swing strap buckle on one swing on the right playground, where the buckle is missing.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the resilient surfacing under the climbing zone measures six inches under the dome and around in the fall zones.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor and repair or repaint the areas of the building, on the playground, where chipping paint is developing.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(8) - Consultant discussed with Director and Cook to monitor storage of food and ensure opened items are labeled with the date.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
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Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 - Consultant discussed with staff and Director to monitor storage of cots and sheets in the two-year-old classroom and ensure children's bedding remains stored separate from each others bedding and not touching another child's cot or sheet.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

	Staff Records
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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.