



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/1/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-46298

The Children's Courtyard #3215

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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.
11/01/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/06/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/22/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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
Main	1L		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	
Main	1R	Infants	1	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2L	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2R		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	3L	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	3R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	4L Pre-K		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	4R		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	5L	GA PreK	15	15	NC	23	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Transitioning
Main	BK End		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 220

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220

Total # Children this Date: 37

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant PG	27	C
Main	Preschool PG	52	C
Main	School-Age PG	57	C
Main	Toddler PG	55	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a follow-up and incident investigation.

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.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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

		Facility
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the ventilation in the shared boys restroom between classroom 1L and 2L were inoperable on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed. The ventilation in the shared restrooms between classroom 3L and 4L were repaired on this date. Director stated the three restrooms vents in classroom 1L and 2L and 3L and 4L were repaired, director provided work order to consultant via visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

Recited on 11/1/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that classroom 5L had a plunger next to the toilet inside in the girls restroom located on the rear right corner of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. Staff removed plunger during visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2024

Recited on 11/1/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2024

Corrected on 11/1/2024

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed six inches of mulch on the playground on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2024

Corrected on 11/1/2024

.13(6) - The center participates in field trips during the summer months. Per director emergency medical information will be stored in the transportation binder.