



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/24/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 1:20 PM

CCLC-22068

Childcare Network #160

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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.
09/24/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/16/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
07/29/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
			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.

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	Fifth Left		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Main	First Left	One Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	First Right	Infants	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play,Nap
Main	Fourth Left		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
Main	Fourth Right	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	24	C	33	C	Transitioning
Main	Front Left (Pre-K)	GA PreK	2	17	C	24	C	34	C	Centers
Main	Front Right (Pre-K)	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	28	C	Centers
Main	Second Left	One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Main	Second Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Third Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Third Right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 249					
Total # Children this Date: 84					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 249					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front Left-Play	35	C
Main	Front Right-Play	20	C
Main	Large Back-Play	371	C
Main	Second Right-Play	68	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
17	23	32	37	0	36	23

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/24/2024

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 user id 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!



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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.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-25(8) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the air conditioning cord located in classroom Main Front right was secured on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following fencing hazards were observed on this date:

Front Left – Play

- Three exposed and protruding screws were located on the top front right side of the wooden fencing that surrounded the ground drain.
- Four exposed and protruding bolts that measured over two threads were located on the front left side of the chain link fencing that surrounded the ground drain.

Large Back – Play

- Fencing ties used for additional stability located on the surrounding chain link fencing had exposed sharp ends.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the protruding piece of plastic barrier located on playground Large Back - Play was repaired on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Front Left – Play

- Exposed wiring that caused a potential tripping and shocking hazard was located on the front left side of the playground next to the chain link gate.
- The cover to the water pipe was open and unsecured causing a potential falling hazard.
- Exposed concrete was located under the windows on the front left side causing a potential tripping hazard.

Large Back – Play

- Thorny vines were located on the back left and right corners of the chain link fencing causing a potential scratching hazard.
- A small hole was located next to the back right fencing causing a potential falling falling hazard.

Front Right – Play

- Thorny vines were located on the bottom middle right portion of the fencing causing a potential scratching hazard.

Second Right – Play

- The fan located inside the infant's screened in sun room was hanging from the ceiling support bar with exposed wiring causing a potential falling hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

.29(3) - Correction of previous citation in that there were no incidents to report to the Department. The Consultant reviewed required reporting guidelines on this date.

Safety

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

Vehicles were observed to have approved fire extinguishers and first aid kits on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

.30(1)(b)4 - Correction of previous citation in that each child was observed to have a light cover provided for use during nap time on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.