



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/1/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:55 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-53322

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
02/01/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/02/2023	Complaint Closure	Deficient	
12/19/2022	Complaint 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	A : 1 R : Toddlers	Infants	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B : 2/3 R: Infants & Toddlers	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Nap
Main	C: 4R: 2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D : 5R: PreK	GA PreK	2	1	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E: 6R: Two year olds	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F: Back: Afterschool		0	0	C	59	C	NA	NA	
Main	G: 5L: Three year olds	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H : 4L: Three year olds	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I: 3L : Four year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J : 2L : Four year olds		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	K: 1L : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	1	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 82			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Infants & toddlers	44	C
Main	B - Two years old	86	C
Main	C - Four - 12 years old	123	C
Main	D - Four - 12 years old	72	C
Main	E - Three years old	74	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

A one-day letter was left on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/01/2023

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

Stormy Hendricks, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.03(6) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.03(8) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.03(9) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.12(1) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.12(4) - Citation corrected.

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

Not Evaluated

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**

Consultant discussed the locks for doors leading outside need to have easier access to open in case of emergency situations.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2023

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2023

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.25(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 all outside play equipment needed to be cleaned due to a black residue and moss.

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: 2/8/2023

Recited on 2/1/2023

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.15(1) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.15(2) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.15(2)(a) - Citation corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2023

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.10(4) - Citation corrected. Proper diapering observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.17(7) - Citation corrected. Proper handwashing observed.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.17(8) - Citation corrected. Proper handwashing observed.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Met**

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed transportation training requirements with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that emergency medical forms have doctor information listed.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

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.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that an independent contract contractor was present at the center without a background check authorization.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that a background check authorization is submitted prior to the independent contractor being present. to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will monitor decal koala to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that an independent contractor visits an enrolled child at the center for observation and the center did not have a satisfactory comprehensive background check on file prior to them being present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will endure that a background check is completed before the return to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will monitor decal koala to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that upon arrival to the center a staff member had a crying child in the hallway, the staff member left the child with another staff member while coming to open the door for consultant. The staff member who was providing supervision for the child walked into a classroom for a brief moment and the child was left in the hallway unsupervised. It was further observed that a child in the Room I (3L) walked out of the room for a brief moment into the hall and the staff member came to the door to bring the child back in.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Recited on 2/1/2023