



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/14/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:40 PM

CCLC-51288

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Quality Rated: ★

<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.
06/14/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/05/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/05/2022	Licensing Study	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	1st Left	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1st Right	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	16	C	23	C	Outside
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	3rd Left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Middle		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 87					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 101					
Total # Children this Date: 39					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 101					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	31	C

Comments

6/14/2024- The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

The director stated that the center has tamper proof outlets throughout the center on this date.

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

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)

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 the bathroom closet in the Main first right two year old classroom was unlocked. There was hand sanitizer and hand soap that was accessible to children.

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. The director will ensure that the door is locked and inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2024

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

Corrected on 6/14/2024

.26(6) - This citation was corrected. The consultant observed four swings and the paint was no longer peeling.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following playground equipment was rusted; the blue dune buggy, red car with four yellow disc, turnable yellow circle seat, blue tunnel entrance, red seesaw, and colorful funnel ball toy. In addition, the colorful tunnel toy was disconnected at the joints.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. It was discussed with the center director and owner and the equipment will be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

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 there were two separate exposed sharp edges of concrete under the stairs on the playground. It was also observed that tree limbs were hanging over the fence.

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. This was discussed with the director and owner and this will be corrected in 60 days.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2023

Corrected on 6/14/2024

.15(4) - This citation was corrected. The consultant observed four children strapped into their feeding chairs correctly while eating lunch.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.13(5) - Please ensure that a list of children and adults participating in a field trip be listed and one list left at the center and one list taken on the field trip.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2024

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

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2023

Corrected on 6/14/2024

.09(1)(a) - This citation was corrected in that staff number four and staff number five had a valid satisfactory comprehensive records check on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2023

Corrected on 6/14/2024

.09(1)(c) - The citation was corrected. Staff number four and staff number five submitted both a records check application to the department and finger prints to an authorized finger print site.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.