



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/18/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:45 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-52770

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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.
12/18/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/04/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/21/2023	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 A	Room A-6w -18m	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Free Play
Building A	Room B-18m-2y	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building A	Room C-3y	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Building A	Room D-4y	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 59		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	19	17	11	10	6	22

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study visit and to follow up on the previous visit conducted on June 4, 2024. The consultant was unable to complete the DocuSign process with the director due to the consultant's inability to connect to the VPN. The consultant will email the provider an official copy of the visit report upon their return to the office.

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.decgal.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@decgal.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

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

Corrected on 12/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the television housed in classroom C to be secured to the wall preventing a potential tipping hazard.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that parents update the following information as needed:

- Parents' work and personal contact information (telephone numbers and addresses).
- Release to persons' names, addresses, and relationship to the parent and child.
- Emergency contact persons' names, contact information, and relationship to the parent and child.
- Medical conditions and/or needs.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2024

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms	Met
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Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

Corrected on 12/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the closet door on the left side of the entrance door in classroom D to be locked.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

Corrected on 12/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed all hazardous items to be stored in a locked cabinet or a high shelf that the tallest child could not reach the item(s).

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

Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., bees, ants, etc.).
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint, etc.).
- Excessive leaves, sweet gum tree balls, etc.
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment and/or toys.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2024

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2024

Corrected on 12/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the playground fence to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

The consultant observed the diaper changing area to be clean and in good repair.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

Corrected on 12/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the children to complete the proper handwashing procedures throughout the center during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2024

Corrected on 12/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the staff members to complete the proper handwashing procedures throughout the center during the visit.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

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)

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

The director provided files for three newly hired staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on June 4, 2024. The consultant observed three of three newly hired staff members to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/4/2024

Corrected on 12/18/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed all staff members to have evidence of a current first aid and CPR card on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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.