



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/24/2024 **VisitType:** ILS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-63139

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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.
07/24/2024	ILS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/03/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/31/2024	Complaint Investigation & Initial 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 Building	Room 4's-1st Left	Infants and GA PreK	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	Room A-1st Right-2's	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	Room B-2nd Right-3-4yr olds	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	31	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	Room C-3rd R-Back-Pre-K	GA PreK	1	6	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main Building	Room D-4th L-Prek	Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	Room E- 1's 3rd Left	One Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Free Play
Main Building	Room F-Infants 2nd Left	Infants	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 89			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Back Playground	69	C
Main Building	Left Playground	20	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on July 24, 2024. Staff files, children's files, training, and background check were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on this date. The provider was granted Permission to Operate. The facility does carry Liability Insurance.

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.al.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!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a ILS POI Follow Up:

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(2)-Immunization

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Discussed with the provider to ensure that the child's immunizations are up to date.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2024

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)**Met****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2024

On this date the playground equipment listed was repaired and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2024

.26(8) - On this the date the fall zones maintained adequate surfacing for each fall zone.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2024

On this date the playground was free of debris on the left playground.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2024

On this date all rooms ventilation fans were working properly in the diapering rooms.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation, storage and procedures.

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.

Comment

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2024

All cribs were removed and new cribs dated 12/2018 were replaced and observed in the infant room by the consultant.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2024

.30(1)(a)3 - The sheets were observe on this date to be tight fitting in all of the cribs.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided six(6) file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2024

.32(7) - All staff completed the Active Supervision Plan training required by the consultant on the previous visit.