



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/21/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 2:10 PM

CCLC-25142

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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.
05/21/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/08/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/17/2021	Complaint Closure	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- PreK 4B	Five Year Olds	2	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B PreK 4A	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	13	C	30	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C- PreK 3B	Four Year Olds	2	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D PreK 3A		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use,Centers
Main	E School Age	Four Year Olds	2	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F- Sr. Toddlers	Two Year Olds	3	5	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G- Jr. Toddlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H- Infants B	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	I- Infant A	Infants	3	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 67		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	7	C
Main	B	70	C
Main	C	54	C
Main	D	20	C
Main	E	59	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study Visit and to follow up to the previous visit.
Consultant provided contact information to Director.
Consultant provided the Director with a one-day letter and training affidavit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/21/2024

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.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

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

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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**

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**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills as of April 18, 2024.

Safety**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation per conversation with the Director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

591-1-1-.09(1)(I)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on review of records that Employee #4 who did not have children in care had an expired CBC as of March 19, 2019.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will monitor dates to ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. 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 has submitted an application on employee's behalf to ensure CBC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2024**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

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

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

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