



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/2/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-32681

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Quality Rated: No

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.
11/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/26/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/14/2022	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
Main	A, right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	0	18	NC	15	NC	NA	NA	Free Play,TV
Main	B, middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C, left		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	21	C

Comments

A monitoring visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/02/2023

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.decal.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@decal.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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2023

Corrected on 11/2/2023

.03(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Daily schedules were posted in the classrooms.

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that the center did not have a lesson plan for all classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2023

Recited on 11/2/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.03(6) requires Center Staff to ensure children less than three years of age do not spend more than one-half hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jump seats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake. Such children shall be allowed time to play on the floor daily. Infants shall have supervised tummy time on the floor daily when they are awake. It was determined based on observation that three one-year-old children were confined in highchairs from 8:10 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The children were moved when additional staff arrived. The Center will train Staff to use confining equipment appropriately, to provide supervised floor play daily for children under three years of age, including infants, and will monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Correction Deadline: 4/26/2023****Corrected on 11/2/2023****.08(1) - The three children records observed on this date were complete.****Facility****591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that from 8:05 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., 20 children were housed in right class which is licensed for 15 children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 4/30/2023****Corrected on 11/2/2023****.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The side fence measured four feet on this date.****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 small pieces of broken glass were observed on the ground near the side gate. In addition, exposed utility wires were hanging from a box on the wall and were accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center contacted the property owner about fixing the utility box. The Center will monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - Discussed with staff to ensure the feeding plans are posted in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023**Corrected on 11/2/2023****.15(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Feeding plans were available for review.**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that five children did not wash their hands upon arrival, before eating breakfast and after eating breakfast. In addition, the staff in the middle classroom did not wash the children hands after diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

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 redirection observed.

591-1-1-36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have vehicle inspections for the two vehicles used for school transportation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2023

Finding

591-1-1-36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have parental authorization for routine transportation for six children transported to school by the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on observation and discussion that the center did not have the children emergency medical information on the vehicle when the children are transported. In addition, the center did not emergency forms for six children

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) requires the center to use passenger transportation checklists, in a format approved by the Department, to account for each child during transportation. A separate passenger checklist must be used for each vehicle. It was determined that center did not have transportation checklist for four of the six schools for the week October 30, 20203 to November 2, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain a passenger checklist as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records and observation that the center did not document on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle during on November 2, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have documentation that the first check of the vehicles was performed for the week October 30, 20203 to November 2, 2023, for Herd Elementary, Juliette Low elementary, Susie King Taylor community School and Windsor Forest Elementary.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have documentation that the second check of vehicle was performed for the week October 30, 20203 to November 2, 2023, for Herd Elementary, Juliette Low elementary, Susie King Taylor community School and Windsor Forest Elementary.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

cribs and cots were observed to be in good condition.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Corrected on 11/2/2023

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Health and safety orientation training was complete for required staff.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Annual training for the year 2022 was evaluated on April 26, 2023. Annual training for the year 2023 will be evaluated during the first visit of the new year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The director will ensure all staff has completed the required ten hours of training by December 31 2023.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that center was not compliant with ratio requirements. At 8:05 a.m. there was one teacher present with 20 children who ages ranged from one-year-olds to school aged children. At 8:11 a.m. there was one teacher present with 25 children. At 8:38 a.m. there was one teacher present with 15 children whose ages ranged from infants to four years old. Based on the ages on the children at at least two staff members were required. In addition, during the time of 8:10 a.m. until 8:35 a.m., one staff person was observed supervising a group of children ranging in age of three-year-old and older in the right classroom and a group of children ranging in age of infants to two-year-olds in middle classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Ratio were corrected when additional staff arrived. The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****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 there were three separate times that a staff person walked out of the classroom to retrieve breakfast from the kitchen and left the children unattended. In addition, during the time of 8:10 a.m. until 8:35 a.m. one staff person was observed supervising children in the right classroom and middle classroom. The staff person was not aware when a two-year-old child bit two other children in the middle classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure there is enough staff present to provide proper supervision. The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023