



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/21/2024 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Arrival: 11:15 AM Departure: 3:45 PM
Follow Up

CCLC-31732

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ABC Early Learning Academy @ Stone Mountain

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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.
03/21/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/18/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/09/2022	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	A1 1Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	A2 2Right	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	A3 - 3 Right	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B1 1Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B2 2Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B3 3Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 64			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	24	C
Main	B	80	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow up the previous visit conducted on October 18, 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.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!

Darla Williams, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2023

Corrected on 3/21/2024

.25(13) - Previously violation rule violation was corrected on this date. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

Corrected on 3/21/2024

.25(3) - Previously cited rule violation regarding the cleaning and repair of identified items from the previous visit was corrected on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

Corrected on 3/21/2024

.26(4) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. The wooden picks enclosing the playground area were observed to be in good repair

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

Corrected on 3/21/2024

.26(6) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Playground observed to be clean and in good repair

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

Corrected on 3/21/2024

.26(9) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Playground observed to be clean and in good repair

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/18/2023****Corrected on 3/21/2024**

.09(1)(a) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Staff # 7 had submit a records check application to the Department and fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2023**Corrected on 3/21/2024**

.09(1)(c) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Staff # 7 was present at the center with a valid and current satisfactory comprehensive records check determination on file with the Department.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/23/2023****Corrected on 3/21/2024**

.24(1) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that the personnel file records for center staff properly maintained by the center.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that there were two classrooms that did not have a lead teacher assigned.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience. The director will hire lead teachers and complete a professional learning plan, if needed.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2024**Recited on 3/21/2024**