



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/12/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM

Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-37985

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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.
03/12/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/14/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/04/2023	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	Infants	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play,Nap
Main	B		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	C	One Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Cafeteria	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	23	C	13	NC	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	F		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	G - Pre-K	GA PreK	2	12	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H - Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 63			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 169							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Left Side	44	C
Main	B - Left Back	26	C
Main	C	44	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Rose Redding, Program Official

Date

Sherri Thompson, Exemption Unit Consultant

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.03(1) - Posted lesson plans were observed in all operating classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized. Please ensure parents do not use themselves as emergency contacts.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

Corrected on 3/12/2024

.25(13) - Hazardous materials and supplies were observed out of reach in all classrooms during the time of the visit.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical **Met**

Comment

591-1-1-.25(5) - No changes to the center have been reported.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute. Please continue to monitor and maintain resilient surfacing for all playground areas to include required fall zones. If new pieces of equipment are added or existing equipment is moved, please ensure adequate fall zones are maintained .

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Not Met**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure that prepared infant bottles that are provided by the parents are not mixed with cereals. Age-appropriate solid foods including cereal shall not be given to infants less than one year of age.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on the Specialist's observations in the infant classroom that two bottles stored in the refrigerator were not labeled with the child's name.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Technical Assistance**

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(5) - Please ensure that the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Multiple thermometers may be helpful in monitoring freezer and refrigeration.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health	Met
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Comment

591-1-1-.07(1) - Please ensure Center Staff to not accept a child nor allow a child to remain at the Center if the child has the equivalent of a 101 degrees Fahrenheit or higher oral temperature and another contagious symptom, such as but not limited to, a rash, diarrhea or a sore throat. When a child shows symptoms of illness during the day.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

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

Proper diapering procedures observed in the infant classroom.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

591-1-1-.20 - The center's Director stated that medication was not administered. The Specialist observed posted allergy lists for children throughout the center. Please ensure that any child with an allergy requiring a potentially lifesaving medication such as an Epi-Pen has the medication, proper written authorization for use, and is stored properly.

Organization

591-1-1-.04 Admission and Enrollment	Met
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Comment

591-1-1-.04(2) - Please ensure center staff to comply with the American with Disabilities act when admitting a Child with Special Needs and to make a reasonable effort to accommodate the child's needs and to integrate the child with other children. These accommodations must be in writing and the result of a mutual agreement between the Center and the Parents of the Child with Special Needs. The agreement shall be made in connection with the child's enrollment or at the time that the special need becomes apparent to the Center or the Parents

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License	Met
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Comment

591-1-1-.16(h) - Please continue to ensure the center's email is kept current with the Department.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations	Met
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Comment

591-1-1-.37(d) - Center was cooperative and provided all required documents during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access **Met**

Comment

591-1-1-.22 - Parental access observed during time of visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements.

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.

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time. Discussed field trip requirements for upcoming summer months.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. All children under the age of one year are required to be placed on their backs in their cribs for sleep.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

Corrected on 3/12/2024

.09(1)(a) - Background checks for all staff were observed during the time of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

Corrected on 3/12/2024

.09(1)(c) - Background checks for all staff were observed completed during the time of the visit.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of all staff with completed first aid and CPR training with the exception of one new hire who is within their first ninety days of employment.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records	Met
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Comment

591-1-1-.24(1) - Staff records were organized and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2024

591-1-1-.28 Prohibited Substances	Met
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Comment

591-1-1-.28(1) - Center does not allow for the use of prohibited substances.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.