



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/11/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-1791

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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.
09/11/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/12/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/07/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	1st Left #1		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	1st Right #7		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2nd Left #2		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2nd Right #8	One Year Olds	4	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd left #3		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3rd Right #9	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	23	C	32	C	Outside,Transiti oning
Main	4th Left #4		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	Not In Use
Main	4th Right	Infants	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering, Nap
Main	5th Left #5		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	6th Left #6		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Gym 1st Left	Four Year Olds	1	18	C	24	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Gym 1st Right		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Gym 2nd Left	Three Year Olds	2	23	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play
Main	Gym 2nd Right		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 243		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Modular Building 1	School Age 1	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	4	C	13	C	18	C	Free Play

Modular Building 1	School Age 2 (middle)		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	Not In Use
Modular Building 1	School Age 3		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 49			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 50							
Modular Building 2	School Age	Four Year Olds and GA PreK	1	12	C	20	C	28	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 375							
Total # Children this Date: 101		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 312			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 243			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1 - school age	151	C
Main	Playground 2	15	C
Main	Playground 3	17	C
Main	Playground 4	14	C
Main	Playground 5	15	C
Main	Playground 6	14	C
Main	Playground 7	17	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/11/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that both classrooms in the mobile units and the two year old classroom furniture was not adequately secured. The following hazards were observed:

- in the white mobile unit on the left, a microwave was sitting on top of plastic bins that were shorter than the width of the microwave posing a tipping hazard
- in the brown mobile unit, two large bookcases on the floor were not adequately secured and were not of a size and weight to prevent tipping over.
- in the two year old classroom, six bookcases on the floor were not adequately secured and were not of a size and weight to prevent tipping over.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2023

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2023

Corrected on 9/11/2023

.08(1) - Based on s review of records, children's records were observed to have complete information.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(7) - The consultant and staff discussed cleaning bathrooms daily.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2023

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that hazards were accessible to the children as follows:

In the white mobile unit to the right:

-Lysol, electric pencil sharpener accessible with the cord not secured

In the brown mobile unit to the left,

-baby wipes were accessible to the children

In the two year old room

-baby wipes were accessible to the children

-cleaning solution accessible to the children on a low shelf next to the diaper changing table

-Aquaphor in cubby on the floor accessible to the children

-broom and dust pan accessible to the children

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation five outlets were uncovered in the white mobile unit and one outlet was uncovered in the brown mobile unit.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that on the school age playground, the fencing was not secured to eight posts in the front section of the playground posing a potential escape hazard. In addition, the fencing on the left side of the entry was damaged and not 48 inches tall as required. At the entrance gate, a gap was observed that was in excess of 6 inches wide.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and connect the fencing to all fence posts so that there are no gaps that would allow children to leave the playground.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Recited on 9/11/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(7) - The consultant and the owner discussed proper anchoring of playground equipment.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was inadequate resilient surfacing beneath the climbing equipment as follows:

- the red arched climber

- the main play structure within the wooden boundaries in the center of the playground. Based on the height of the equipment, a minimum depth of 6 inches of materials is recommended.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

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 the following hazards were present on the playground:

- basketball court had three areas of exposed sharp concrete

- large tree roots were observed that pose a tripping hazard

- several holes and washed out areas were also observed that pose a tripping hazard

- a wooden platform was present in the back corner that had splintered wood, protruding nails, and missing boards

- the red and yellow play structure was missing boards in the floor. Rust and chipped paint were also observed on this piece of equipment.

- the wooden structure at the front of the playground was observed to have splintered wood and protruding nails

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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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.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023****Corrected on 9/11/2023****.36(4)(b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.****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 review of records for the week of August 14 through August 18, 2022, that one child was transported from Indian Creek Elementary School to the center on the afternoon route who did not have the required emergency medical information on the vehicle while being transported. Additionally, one child was transported to Satilla Elementary School on the morning of September 11, 2023, who did not have emergency medical information on the vehicle. It was also observed that three children who are transported to and from school did not have the telephone number for the child's doctor on the emergency medical form. Two children's emergency medical forms were observed to not include the medical facility that the center uses.

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: 9/12/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. - 91-1-1-.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. Please be sure that each child's first and last names are listed correctly on the transportation logs.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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, mealtime, nap time, 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 consultant's observation that one-year-old children were not provided watchful oversight at all times. An employee in the classroom with four children who were one year of age was observed to be asleep in the rocking chair during nap time. One child got up from her nap and walked over to the rocking chair and the staff immediately awoke and picked the child up.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2023