



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/19/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-52363

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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.
02/19/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/19/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/20/2023	Incident 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	Room A (1st Right)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room B (1st Left)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C (2nd Right)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	Room D (2nd Left)	One Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room E (3rd Right)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	Room F (3rd Left)	One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room G (4th Right)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room H (4th Left)	Infants	3	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 76			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Rear)	78	C
Main	Playground B (Toddler)	21	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and a Complaint Investigation on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/19/2024

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.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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Brandy Stokes, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

Comment

Consultant observed records to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.06(4) - Ensure there is a functioning ventilation system in the restroom of the 4th right classroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2024

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be routinely met by the center.

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

Consultant observed center to appear clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

Consultant observed playground to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

Ensure the toddler playground is free from litter including trash bags hanging from the gates/fence.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed center menu to meet USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed the kitchen to appear clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Consultant observed proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Consultant observed all required posted notices.

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

Consultant discussed reporting requirements with the Center Director on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Consultant observed animals (turtles, hamsters, guinea pig, and leopard gecko) maintained clean and appropriately caged.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed pleasant nap time environment.

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1.)(b) requires the Center to ensure that every Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #31 did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file since February 7, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will have a system in place to ensure that the Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. 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 will check each staff record monthly to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)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 a review of records that staff #31 had a Comprehensive Records Check determination letter that was expired on February 9, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will have a system in place 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 will check each staff file every month to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2024

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

Director provided four] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Consultant discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months with the Center Director.

Comment

Consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Consultant observed center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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