



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/7/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-58059

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
08/07/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/06/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/20/2024	Licensing Study	Deficient	

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	One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 18					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	3	C
Main	Right (Large)	12	C

Comments

Developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/29/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2023

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591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that children are getting the required outside time.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/29/2024

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Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/2024

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Staff # 6 Not Met

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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 the following items were accessible to children in care:

Room B:

- baby wipes on a shelf that posed a suffocation hazard to children in care
- hand soap that read "keep out of reach of children"
- hand sanitizer that read "keep out of reach of children"
- trash bags on the brown shelf that posed a suffocation hazard to children in care
- Glade air freshener spray and baby lotion on the brown shelf that read "keep out of reach of children"
- broom and dustpan behind the door

Room C:

- air freshener spray on the sink that read "keep out of reach of children"

Room D:

- air freshener, and hand soap on the sink that read "keep out of reach of 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: 8/7/2024

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

Not Met

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 large limbs and overgrown grass was present on both center playgrounds.

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: 8/7/2024

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/29/2024

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.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4 Not Met

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Staff # 6 Not Met

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, non porous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diapering pad in Room A (infants) was observed to be quilted and did not meet rule requirements in that it was not nonporous.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

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Staff # 4 Not Met

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Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2023

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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/29/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024****Corrected on 8/7/2024****.30(1)(a)2 - Citation corrected.****Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024****Corrected on 8/7/2024****.30(2) - Citation corrected.**

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/29/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that two staff members were over 90 days of hire did not have first aid and CPR training for viewing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2024**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that three staff members (1,4 and 6) were over 90 days of hire did not have health and safety for viewing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2024**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2024****Corrected on 8/7/2024****.33(4) - Citation corrected.****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met**

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

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.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/2024

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Staff # 6

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024****Corrected on 8/7/2024****.32(7) - Citation corrected.**