



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/21/2024 VisitType: LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:25 AM Departure: 2:10 PM

CCLC-50461

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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.
06/21/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/06/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/08/2023	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	A-1R-6wks-12 mths	Infants and One Year Olds	3	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B/2R- 1's	One Year Olds	4	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C/3R- 3's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D/4R- 3's	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	E/Middle - After School	Six Year Olds and Over	2	19	C	53	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F/1L- 2's	Two Year Olds	4	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G/2L - GA Pre-K	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	4	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H/3L - GA Pre-K	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	I - 3's	GA PreK	2	17	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J - 4's	GA PreK	2	21	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 250					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations			

Total # Children this Date: 145

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 250

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A/FL- 2's	17	C
Main	Playground B/BL- 3 and up	69	C
Main	Playground C/RR- 3 and up	96	C

Main	Playground D/FR-6wks- 2's	12	C
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Comments

Licensing study was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/21/2024

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



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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2024

Corrected on 6/21/2024

Correction of citation in that the center purchased more outdoor activities for the children to play with.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center. The director reported that an additional cleaning of rugs and the entire building was scheduled for July 26, 2024.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2024

Corrected on 6/21/2024

Correction of citation in that the tables are stationary and do not fold; therefore, they are properly secured.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Swimming rule was observed to be met as the lifeguard was certified, the swim text and permission forms were completed as required.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

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

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Please ensure the Center and surrounding premises is in good repair. Consultant discussed ceiling tiles and chipped boarders with the director that were located in small areas in the center. Maintenance was scheduled to replace/update the areas on July 2, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

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

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete on this date.

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

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required.

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

Thank you for reporting as required.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date. The last field trip was on June 18, 2024 to Great American Eagle.

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

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

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicles with tag numbers ending in Z228 and F2359 were completed on January 3, 2024. The director reported that vehicles with tag numbers ending in P0004 and P0006 were not in use at this time.

Comment

The vehicles had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff members on this date.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats / sheets and blankets were discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.