



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/17/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:20 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-37121

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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.
12/17/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/17/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/15/2024	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	Room 10-J (4 Yrs)	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 11-K (School Age)	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 12- L (School Age)	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 13-M (School Age)		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 1-A (6 wks-12 Mos)	Infants	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 2-B (6 wks-12 Mos)	Infants	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	Room 3-C (1 Yrs.)	One Year Olds	2	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room 4-D (2 Yrs)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 5-E (3 Yrs)	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 6-F (3 Yrs)	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	31	C	Outside
Main	Room 7-G (3-4 Yrs)	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 8-H (3-4 Yrs)	One Year Olds	2	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 9-I (4 Yrs-PreK)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			194		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 248					
Total # Children this Date: 90			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 248					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (6 Wks-4 Yrs)	92	C
Main	Playground B (3 Yrs & Up)	197	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
39	22	36	43	14	0	13

Comments

An on site inspection was conducted on December 17, 2024 with the director.

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.decgal.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 user id 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) Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 12/17/2024

Previous citation corrected. All of the classrooms were in compliance with the license capacity. The director and staff stated proper knowledge.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 12/17/2024

Previous citation corrected. There were no plastic bags accessible in room 6F. There were no items on the changing table in room 7G. There were no hazardous items in room 11K on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

Corrected on 12/17/2024

Previous citation corrected. The stained ceiling tile in rooms 6F and 11k were replaced on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 12/17/2024

Previous citation corrected. The trash on the playground A was removed and the grass was cut. The green and brown play equipment was repaired. There were no exposed screws.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 12/17/2024

Previous citation corrected. The staff stated proper knowledge for hand washing.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 12/17/2024

Previous citation corrected. The mats in room 4D and 8H were replaced on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided files for five employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 12/17/2024

Previous citation corrected. All present staff had current criminal records on file.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 12/17/2024

Previous citation corrected. All staff had current and satisfactory criminal records on this date.

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

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**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.