



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/10/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:15 AM Departure: 3:00 PM

CCLC-26100

First Baptist Church Children's Learning Center

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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.
10/10/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/28/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/03/2023	Incident Investigation 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	101	One Year Olds	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	102	One Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	103	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	104	One Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	107	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	110	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	113	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	114	Infants	3	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	115	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	116	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	117	One Year Olds	2	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	118	Three Year Olds	2	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Upstairs-211		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs-212		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs-213		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Upstairs-214		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 214

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 92

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	88	C
Main	Toddler Playground	15	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	28	27	33	0	0	0

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and to follow up on previous citations.

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.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!



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records **Met**

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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) **Met**

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 10/10/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed all classrooms had hazardous items removed and were inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 10/10/2024

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed all classrooms were clean and well-maintained facility free of debris with no chipping paint.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 10/10/2024

.15(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed classrooms of infants less than six months of age and older children who need assistance holding their bottle receiving assistance from the teacher in the classroom by holding the bottle and child in their arms during feeding time.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 10/10/2024

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed children in room 117 with no hazardous items and/or pacifier attached to their clothing.

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 10/10/2024

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed children in room 117 washing hands before nap time with the assistance of the teachers present in the classroom.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Corrected on 10/10/2024

.20(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed records for medication complete with dates and times of medicine given to each child.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

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

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

Comment

Center does not provide transportation, however, approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit was observed on this date.

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.

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024****Corrected on 10/10/2024****.33(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed all staff records to be complete with documentation of orientation.****Correction Deadline: 6/11/2024****Corrected on 10/10/2024****.33(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The consultant observed all staff records had evidence of completed health and safety orientation training.**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5) - Please ensure every calendar year all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training on child development related topics.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2024

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**

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