



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/5/2024

VisitType: Complaint Investigation &
Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:30 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-1791

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Same

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.
08/05/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/05/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/29/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
			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.

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	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	4	C	26	C	36	C	Centers
Main	B	Infants	1	1	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play
Main	D	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	11	C	24	C	34	C	TV
Main	F	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	24	C	34	C	TV
Main	G	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	24	C	34	C	TV
Main	H	Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	24	C	34	C	TV
Main	I		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J	Two Year Olds	2	2	C	25	C	NA	NA	TV, Music
Main	K	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story, Circle Time
Main	L	One Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Music, TV
Main	M	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	N	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 243

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 82

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 243

Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1	7	C
Main	Playground 2	18	C
Main	Playground 3	24	C

Comments

An in person Monitoring Visit was conducted on this day in conjunction with a complaint.. Due to inclement weather and the center closure at 12:00 PM, the visit was not closed on site. The findings of the Monitoring Visit and complaint was discussed with the center director and a copy was emailed to the center director for signatures later this day. The center director reported a total of 22 staff with 8 being new hires since the last visit. The provider stated medication is administered, there have been no field trips or routine transportation since the last visit, and no swimming activities are provided.

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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(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 age appropriate activities were observed.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

Comment

Toys and equipment were observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

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

Met

Comment

The center director stated no swimming activities are provided.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The consultant observed 96 children to be present during this visit.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playgrounds were not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

The center director stated no field trips have been provided since the last visit.

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

The center director stated no routine transportation has been provided since the last visit.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director 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 8 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Corrected on 8/5/2024

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

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Corrected on 8/5/2024

.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

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.