



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/27/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-39563

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/27/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/28/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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 A- 1	Infants	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Diapering
Main	Room B- 2		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C- 3		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D- 4	One Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Outside
Main	Room E- 5	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transiti oning
Main	Room F- 6	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room G- 7	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room H- 8		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room I- 9		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room J- 10	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room K- 11		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room L- Flex 1 -1st back rt	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	5	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room M- Flex 2 - 2nd back rt		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Preschool/AS	55	C
Main	Playground B- 2's - 3's	55	C
Main	Playground C- Infants/Toddlers	37	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and 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.decga.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
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- 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

Per provider the 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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06 The consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure to check fans regularly and repair as needed.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No hazardous items were observed to be accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Trees and vines growing through the fencing areas.
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment and/or toys.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed the entering and exiting gates to be closed and secured on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed the playground clean and hazard free on this date.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18 - The consultant discussed with the Cook and Director to please ensure that containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food items are stored in containers with tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents.

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.20 - Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged. The provider was observed to have a bearded dragon located in the front lobby, properly contained. The provider will ensure that the children do not have access to touch the reptile, given possible salmonella exposure.

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)**N/A****Comment**

Per provider the center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Per provider the center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1) - Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

The consultant discussed the following criminal record check reminders with the provider:

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- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee. A re-check maybe needed under the following circumstances:
 - When the family childcare learning home knows or reasonably should know that a provider, Employee or Provisional Employee, Resident has been arrested or charged for any covered crime.
 - When there is a lapse of employment from the childcare industry that lasted for 180 calendar days (6 months) or longer.
 - When the Department so requests.

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

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(3) - Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

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

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

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