



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/23/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:10 PM **Departure:** 6:30 PM

CCLC-56794

Children's Courtyard #3253

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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.
08/23/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/14/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/09/2023	Complaint Investigation & 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	1L-Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	3	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Feeding, Nap
Main	1R-Four to Five year old	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	35	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	2L-One Year Old	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering
Main	2R-Three Year Old	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	46	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3L-Older One Year Old	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R Private-Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	4L-Two Year Old	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5L-Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Middle-Pre-K	GA PreK	2	15	C	29	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 246			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 114			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	34	C
Main	B	80	C
Main	C	199	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on February 9, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/23/2023

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!

Natalia Espinosa Ballesteros, Program Official

Date

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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.

Comment

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.25(13) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that potentially hazardous items are stored inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

Finding

591-1-1.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the ceiling had peeling paint around the sprinkler spigot in the left restroom in classroom Middle.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2023

Recited on 8/23/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant observed a gap measuring approximately five inches in the gate between playgrounds B and C. Further there was a protruding wire at the bottom of the fence between playgrounds A and B. Per the provider, a maintenance order was submitted to corporate and it is due to be fixed this week.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the the fall zone surrounding the swings had between three and four inches of mulch on playgrounds B and C. Six inches of mulch is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the changing pad is replaced in classroom 3L.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

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

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Corrected on 8/23/2023

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed hand washing throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined [based on review of records that the medication authorization form for "albuterol," "orajel," "triamcinoline" did not have prescription number, dates, or times to be given. Further, the medication authorization form for "dexmethylphenidate" did not have a prescription number.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on review of records that the emergency medical information records did not have the physician's phone number for nine of thirty records for children receiving school transportation services. Further, five of thirty records did not have complete information regarding allergies, special medical needs and conditions, or current prescribed medications.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2023

Recited on 8/23/2023

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2023

Corrected on 8/23/2023

.36(7)(d)1. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the center to conduct a first check of the vehicle.

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

Staff stated knowledge of safe sleep practices.

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

Director provided eleven files for employees hired since last visit February 9, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Corrected on 8/23/2023

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed all center staff to have a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Corrected on 8/23/2023

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed adequate supervision throughout the center.