



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/15/2024 VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 11:15 AM

CCLC-39177

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
04/15/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/26/2024	Licensing Study	Support	
11/16/2023	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	A: Entrance	Four Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	15	C	Circle Time
Main	B: Upper Front Left	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	6	C	9	C	Transitioning
Main	C: Upper Right (Off Kitchen)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	4	C	4	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D: Upper Back Left		0	0	C	3	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 31					
Total # Children this Date: 17					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 31					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	52	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a POI Follow up and to follow up on previous rule violations.

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.decal.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 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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Tina Shannon, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

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

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2024

Corrected on 4/15/2024

.19(1) - The previous citation is corrected in that all classrooms were observed to be within their licensed capacity.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2024

Corrected on 4/15/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation is corrected on this date, hazardous items and materials were observed to be stored inaccessible to children. Please continue to monitor classroom areas and ensure cleaning products, hand sanitizers, plastic bags, ointments and staff purses are stored in locked cabinets or on a high shelf, inaccessible to children.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with the Director to add more resilient surfacing under and around the large slide, extending into all the fall zone areas. Discussed with the Director that there should be six inches of resilient surfacing under the slide and stairs and into all the fall zone areas.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2024

Corrected on 4/15/2024

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation is corrected, all staff were observed to have evidence of up to date, satisfactory background check letters on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2024

Corrected on 4/15/2024

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation is corrected, all staff were observed to have evidence of up to date, satisfactory background check letters on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2024

Corrected on 4/15/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation is corrected; all children were observed to be directly supervised on this date.