



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/25/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 8:40 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

CCLC-504

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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.
10/25/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/10/2023	TA Follow Up	N/A	
09/06/2023	Initial-TA	N/A	

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 - Main Hall-Right	One Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B- Main Hall-Left	One Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	C Right Hall - Left	Two Year Olds	3	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	TV,Centers
Main	D-Right Hall-Right	Three Year Olds	3	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E- Left Hall-Right	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	F-Left Hall-Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G-Lunchroom		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H - Library		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-Behind Lunchroom	Infants	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Centers,Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 73			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	126	C
Main	B	91	C

Comments

An in person POI Follow Up was conducted on this day. One staff member had a Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check Determination Letter on file, had a break of more than six months in childcare, was re-hired, and has not submitted fingerprints and a records check application for a new Criminal Background Check. The center director ported the current CBC during this POI Follow Up visit. A one-day-letter and affidavit was emailed to the center director and owner on 10-26-2023.

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

David Dowling, Program Official

Date

Kimberly Stoy, Lead Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Pleasant interactions were observed.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The center will ensure that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

Facility

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined that the following hazards were accessible:

---Two glue sticks were observed to be in a child's backpack, located in classroom C and available to the two-year-old children. The glue sticks were marked not recommended for ages under three.

---A dust pan was located in the bathroom between classroom C and D and accessible to the two-year and three-year-old children.

---A variety of zip lock bags, marked with a warning: a potential danger for children, three bottles of 56 oz. Soft Soap Antibacterial Soap labeled keep out of reach of children, one 32 oz. bottle of germX labeled keep out of reach of children, one bottle of 40 Wet Wipes labeled keep out of reach of children, and one dust pan were stored in the bathroom between classroom E and F and accessible to the Pre-k children.

---A box of rubber gloves, a variety of zip lock bags, and a box of individual Wet Wipes were stored on the sink counter located in classroom E and accessible to the Pre-K children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Recited on 10/25/2023

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.25(8) - The previous citations were observed to be corrected. Outlets through out the center were observed to have protective coverings.

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.15(1) - The previous citation were observed to be corrected on this day.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.07(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.10(5) - The previous citation were observed to be corrected on this day.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.20(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day. The center director stated no medication has been administered since August 4, 2023.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined on observation that one tube of Benadryl, labeled keep out of reach of children, were being stored in a child's book bag in classroom D and accessible to the three-year-old children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Recited on 10/25/2023

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.16(f) - The center will ensure that the Center submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. Eleven, three-year-old children were playing in an unlicensed area while the licensed playground is being worked on. The children were being supervised.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.37(d) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.11(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Pleasant interactions were observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that one of twelve crib mattresses had a tear on four of four corners, exposing foam, and accessible to the infants, posing a choking hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

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Recited on 10/25/2023

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.30(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of the staff file, review of Koala Outback, and the staff statement, staff # 27 had a Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check determination letter on file, had more than a six month break in childcare, was re-hired, and has not submitted fingerprints and a records check application for a new Criminal Background Check as required. A one-day-letter was left with the center director.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center ported a Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check Determination Letter from another center on 10-25-2023 during the POI F/U visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)2. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee when there has been a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 calendar days (6 months) or longer. It was determined based on review of the staff file, review of Koala Outback, and the staff statement, staff # 27 had a Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check determination letter on file, had more than a six month break in childcare, was re-hired, and has not submitted fingerprints and a records check application for a new Criminal Background Check as required. A one-day-letter was left with the center director.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.31(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day. The center director stated she has no knowledge of current staff committing a criminal act and being arrested.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this day.