



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/19/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-57039

Bright Horizons Preschool

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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.
09/19/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/05/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/02/2022	Licensing Study	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	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play
Main	D	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	E	Infants	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	F	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G	Four Year Olds	2	18	C	60	C	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 80		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	49	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a licensing study.

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/RuleAndRegulations.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 user id 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Brittany Davis, Program Official

Date

Lisa Pitts, CCS Coordinator

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(Findings Report)

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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

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

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 based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to the children:

- in the PreK room there were adult scissors, laminating machines, hand sanitizer, Lysol wipes, an large fans/humidifiers with loose cords
- in the two year old room (classroom A) there were loose cords plugged in behind the sink washing station, a broom and dust pan, and a toilet plunger and cleaner. The cabinet doors below the changing table were not properly secured causing a pinching hazard to the children.
- in the three year old room (Classroom F) there was a phone charger plugged into the wall. A dust pan and broom were next to the door and accessible to the children. There was a red packaging tape dispenser in the top drawer of the cabinet that was not secured by a safety lock.
- In the four year old classroom (Classroom D) there was a loose cord plugged into an iPad laying on top of the bookcase to the left of the entry door. There was also a broom and dust pan accessible to the 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: 9/19/2023

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

591-1-1-.26(9) - The consultant and the director/owner discussed the removal of hazardous items.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.10(1) - It was observed on this date that the infants had been moved from the Art room to another classroom. The consultant and the owner/director discussed proper ventilation requirements. The owner provided a plan to have Davis Electric install a ventilation system no later than Friday, September 22 2023.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(1) - 591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows. The consultant and the owner/director discussed proper ventilation requirements. The owner provided a plan to have Davis Electric install a ventilation system no later than Friday, September 22 2023.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

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

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.16(f) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) - The consultant and the director discussed required training for staff involved in transportation.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

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)**Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

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**

Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.