



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/31/2024 VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 8:30 AM Departure: 9:30 AM

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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.
05/31/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/06/2024	POI Follow Up	Deficient	
03/19/2024	Licensing Study	Deficient	

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-School Age		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-2 year	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C-1 year	One Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-Infants	Infants	1	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	E-Infants	One Year Olds	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F-4 Years		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	G-3 Years	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H-School Age	Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks		
Total # Children this Date: 47		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	35	C
Main	B	17	C
Main	C	115	C

Comments

Plan developed on this date.

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 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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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-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

Corrected on 5/31/2024

.25(13) - Citation corrected.

		Staffing and Supervision
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

Corrected on 5/31/2024

.32(2) - Citation corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation children two-year-old and three-year-old children were premitted to walk accross the hall from Room A to Room H alone to go to the Right Side playground. It was further determined that a two-year0-old child was permitted to walk from Room H to Room A alone, through the room to the playground with their class alone. In addition, a two-year-old child was present in Room H eating breakfast and the staff member in the class room was at the shelf near the door and not seated within arms length of the child.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

Recited on 5/31/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation children two-year-old and three-year-old children were premitted to walk accross the hall from Room A to Room H alone to go to the Right Side playground. It was further determined that a two-year0-old child was permitted to walk from Room H to Room A alone, through the room to the playground with their class alone. In addition, a two-year-old child was present in Room H eating breakfast and the staff member in the class room was at the shelf near the door and not seated within arms length of the child.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

Recited on 5/31/2024