



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/16/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 12:30 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-157

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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.
10/16/2024	POI Follow Up	Support	
08/07/2024	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
02/29/2024	Complaint Closure	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	1st Right Rear		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Left Rear	GA PreK	2	19	C	32	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	2nd Left Rear	One Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2nd Right Rear	Infants	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	3rd Left Rear	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	34	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Front Left	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Front Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 76		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Back Right Playground	126	C
Main	PG- Front Playground	105	C
Main	PG- Infant Playground	10	C
Main	PG- Left Playground	84	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a POI/FU.

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!



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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.12(4) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the nap cots to be secured and not stacked on this date.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.25(13) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant did not observe hazards to be accessible to children on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based upon observation that the following fencing hazards were present on this date:

PG- Left Playground

- The fencing on the back left side was bent at the top rail.
- The middle of the left side fence top pole was rusted.
- The chain link fencing on the left side was rusted.
- The bottom of the fencing was not connected causing a five inch gap located in the middle of the fencing on the right side of the playground.

PG- Back Right Playground

- The chain link fencing was detached from the top pole in the middle section of the back fence.
- There was a ten inch by three inch gap from the ground to the fence at the middle of the right side fence.

PG-Front Playground

- The front chain link fence measured three feet and five and one half inches when four feet was required.
- The top pole was rusted at the middle of the front fence.
- The bottom of the chain link fence was not properly connected causing a five inch gap on the bottom of the gate doors on the top right side of the playground.
- There was a seven and one half inch gap at the bottom of the gate door fencing on the back right side of the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2024

Recited on 10/16/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon observation that the following playground equipment hazards were accessible to children on this date:

PG- Left Playground

- The wooden play structure on the Left Playground had slats of wood that were splintered.
- Two yellow steering wheels on the wooden play structure had chipped paint.
- The black barrier around the yellow wooden play structure was cracked at the front right side.
- The black barrier was cracked throughout.

PG-Back Right Playground

- There were two bolts protruding from the black barrier surrounding the green swing set.
- There was one large nail protruding at the black barrier around the play structure.

PG-Front Playground

- A large nail protruding from the black barrier surrounding the sand box.
- The coating to the beige and green play structure was peeled and rusted at the steps and each platform.
- The wooden barrier around the large play structure was weathered and splintered.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2024

Recited on 10/16/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based upon observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

PG- Left Playground

- Exposed tree roots throughout the playground causing potential tripping hazards.
- Large rocks located in the middle of the playground posed a tripping hazard.
- An active ant bed located at the top of the playground.
- A black trash bag was accessible to children and hanging from the fencing on the back left corner of the playground.
- A ditch measuring 24 and a half inches by 12 and a half inches in front of the fencing on the middle right side of the playground.

PG- Back Right Playground

- Exposed tree roots throughout the playground causing potential tripping hazards.
- An active ant bed located at the bottom of the playground..

PG- Front Playground

- Exposed tree roots throughout the playground causing potential tripping hazards.
- Three active ant beds located on the top of the hill on the right side of the playground.
- Four active ant beds located on the middle back side of the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2024

Recited on 10/16/2024