



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/12/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:45 AM

Departure: 12:45 PM

CCLC-38649

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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.
12/12/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/26/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/10/2022	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
Single	B - 1R Back	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	23	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Single	C - R Middle	Infants	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Single	D - Back	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Single	D - Front		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Single	E - 1L Back		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Single	E - 1L Front		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Single	F - 2L Back		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Single	F - 2L Front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Single	G - 3L Back	GA PreK	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Single	G - 3L Front	Infants and GA PreK	3	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 202			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 60			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	PG A/Right	78	C
Single	PG B/Left	94	C
Single	PG C/Front L	13	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and Quality Assurance Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/12/2023

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!

Cindy Harp, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor the soft sofas and chairs in the two-year-old, three-year-old and PreK classrooms to ensure the any equipment with rips or tears in the material are repaired, removed or replaced.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Discussed with Provider to monitor and ensure the aquarium in the PreK classroom and the small Christmas tree in the two-year-old classroom are secured with heavy velcro or a strap to prevent tipping hazards from becoming present.

Also discussed, please ensure chairs are not stacked in classrooms, when children are present.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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, the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

- one-year-old classroom : one staff bag was stored on a low shelf
 - two-year-old classroom: the utility/mechanical closet was unlocked
 - front three-year-old classroom: two bottles of toilet cleaner were stored in an unlocked cabinet under the sink
 - back PreK classroom: disinfectant wipes and baby wipes were stored in an unlocked cabinet under the sink
 - front PreK classroom: one pack of baby wipes was stored in a child's backpack on a low shelf
- All items were labeled "keep out of reach of 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. Please monitor storage of baby wipes and plastic bags, to ensure they are stored inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Discussed with Provider to monitor all bathroom ceiling vents for dust accumulation and clean regularly or as needed.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with Provider to monitor and repair or replace the fencing between the two back playgrounds, where a gap is developing between the gate and fence post. Please ensure the gap is less than three and a half inches wide.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023**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 on observation that the following equipment was not in good repair on this date:

- three tricycles had rust accumulation
- one tricycle was missing a pedal
- the plastic chain cover on both sets of swings had cracks in the material.

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: 12/29/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor the building walls, and the small shed door, where chipping paint is developing and repair or repaint as needed. Also discussed to remove the one screen on the toddler playground where a hole is developing.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

Food Service

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2) - Discussed with staff and provider to ensure all infant feeding plans are updated at least every three months.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 requires that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use. It was determined based on an observation that the children's mats were stored with the sheets and blankets on and stacked on top of each other in back three-year-old classroom, not maintaining individual use.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on an observation, in the infant classroom, one infant was observed lying in a crib with a bib attached to their neck.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.