



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/10/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:00 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

CCLC-34706

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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.
09/10/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/09/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/30/2023	Monitoring Visit	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
Building Two	D- Center Classroom-Afterschool	GA PreK	1	3	C	22	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67					
Main	A-Left Front - Toddler		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C 2nd right-Infants		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room B -Center - 3-5	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	17	NC	18	C	25	C	Free Play,Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67					
Total # Children this Date: 20			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 60			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building Two	School Age Playground	28	C
Main	left side	30	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	5	10	15	1	16	4

Comments

The consultant discussed the rule violations with the provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/10/2024

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Special Care Procedures,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities,.08(1)(a)-Special Care Procedures

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.08(1)(a) requires Center Staff to maintain a file for each child that includes a description of any special procedures to be followed in caring for the child, including any special services which the Center agrees to provide to a Child with Special Needs. It was determined by review of records child #2 and #3 were missing special needs accommodations and allergies from the enrollment application.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a written plan with the parent or guardian for a child who requires special procedures to be followed and maintain the plan in the child's file.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

Facility**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** Met

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2024

Corrected on 9/10/2024

Previous citation corrected on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

Corrected on 9/10/2024

Previous citation corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2024

Corrected on 9/10/2024

Previous citation corrected on this date.

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations Met**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2024

Corrected on 9/10/2024

Previous citation corrected on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2024

Corrected on 9/10/2024

Previous citation corrected on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals** Met**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The consultant discussed with the provider covering the cots stored the room D with a vinyl covering.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

Staff Records

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Correction Deadline: 5/9/2024

Corrected on 9/10/2024

Previous citation corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined by consultant's observation upon arrival in room B one staff member was present with 17 children two infants, three one-year-olds, four two-year-olds, and eight three-year-olds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined by consultant's observation that children younger than three-years-old were grouped with older children at a time other than the first and last hour of operation in classroom B. One staff member was present with 17 children two infants, three one-year-olds, four two-year-olds, and eight three-year-olds

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain Staff:child ratios based on the youngest child in the group during early morning and late afternoon times when children younger than three years of age may be grouped with older children.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

Recited on 9/10/2024

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

Met

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.