



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/19/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:30 AM

Departure: 4:15 PM

CCLC-30955

Discovery Point #67

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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.
01/19/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/03/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/25/2023	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
Main	1L Infant	Infants	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Feeding, Floor Play, Nap
Main	1R Preschool 1	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	2L Beginners	One Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Lunch
Main	2R Preschool 2		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	3L Toddlers	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R Preschol 3	Four Year Olds	2	22	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4R Pre-Kgtn	GA PreK	2	19	C	26	C	36	C	Centers
Main	5R Schoolage	GA PreK	2	11	C	36	C	50	C	Centers
Main	Cafeteria	Three Year Olds	2	23	C	41	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 226					
Total # Children this Date: 130					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 226					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler LS	18	C
Main	Preschool Right Side	57	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

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.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!

Heather Wilson, Program Official

Date

Amanda Schofield, Regional Consultant

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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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation equipment and furniture were hazardous and posing a potential tripping hazard to the following classrooms: 5R GA Pre-K- The top right and left corner and the bottom left corner were rolled up on the blue alphabet circle time rug located in center of the classroom.

2L Beginner- Yellow circle time rug was ripped and had frayed edges on the right side of the carpet.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2024

Recited on 1/19/2024

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be completed and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.06 - Consultant Discussed with the director to please ensure to monitor the light bulbs in the children restrooms and change as needed.

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

Corrected on 1/19/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Consultant observed hazardous items inaccessible children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

Corrected on 1/19/2024

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the Center's premise to be in clean and in good repair.

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

591-1-1-.26 - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., broken toys, etc.).
- Ensure resilient surface is secured to prevent tripping hazards

Correction Deadline: 11/24/2023

Corrected on 1/19/2024

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Consultant observed the fence to be in good repair on this date.

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 on an observation, there was a hole in the ground surrounding the brown and green playground structure on the left side of the slide measuring nine inches wide and 10 and half inches long posing a potential entrapment hazard.

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. The director stated the area will be cautioned off to ensure no children play on the structure until the hole is filled.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2024

Recited on 1/19/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - Please ensure that bottles are fully labeled with child's full name and date.

Comment

Center menu met USDA guidelines.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18 - Consultant discussed with the director to please ensure that the Freezer temperature is maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below at all times.

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center only participates in field trips during the Summer .

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30 - Please ensure that cots and mats are in good repair free from tears, rips, and frayed edges.

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**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(4) -The consultant discussed with the with the Director, to please ensure that persons with primary responsibility for food preparation have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31 - Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 month.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.