



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/6/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:50 AM Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-86

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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.
08/06/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/02/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/02/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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 - Left Hall	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	1L - Right Hall	One Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	1R - Left Hall	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	21	C	Centers
Main	1R - Right Hall		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L - Left Hall	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	2L - Right Hall	Infants	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	2R - Left Hall	Four Year Olds and GA PreK	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers,Circle Time
Main	2R - Right Hall	Two Year Olds	2	16	NC	10	NC	NA	NA	Story,Circle Time
Main	3L - Left Hall	GA PreK	2	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L - Right Hall	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3R - Left Hall	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	25	C	Circle Time
Main	3R - Right Hall	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers,Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 171					
Total # Children this Date: 130					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 171					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Middle Yard	197	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and Follow up.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/06/2024

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.decgal.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@decgal.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

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that classroom 2R on the right hall had sixteen two-year olds in care and the classroom is licensed for ten children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

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 that the following hazards were observed to be accessible to children.

Classroom 2L on the left hall had baby wipes, and diaper rash ointment inside children's cubbies. Classroom 2R on the left hall had baby wipes, diaper rash ointment, and plastic bags inside children's cubbies. Classroom 3R on the left hall had diaper rash ointment in children's cubbies.

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.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024

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

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was one inch of resilient surface in the fall zone areas. The policy requires at least six inches of resilient loose fill surfacing or poured surfacing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2024**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-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with staff to state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center.

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

Consultant reviewed documentation for medication dispensing complete.

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

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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) Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with staff SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Consultant reviewed criminal record checks to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Consultant observed center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.