



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/31/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

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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.
07/31/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/23/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/02/2022	Licensing Study	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
Bldg. II	1st Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	2nd Right	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg. II	3rd Right		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. IV - ELC	1st Left - A	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. IV - ELC	1st Right - G	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. IV - ELC	2nd Left - B	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. IV - ELC	2nd Right - H	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. IV - ELC	3rd Left - C	One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. IV - ELC	3rd Right - I	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. IV - ELC	4th Left - D	One Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art,Diapering,Free Play
Bldg. IV - ELC	4th Right - J	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. IV - ELC	5th Left - E	One Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside

Bldg. IV - ELC	5th Right - K	One Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg. IV - ELC	6th Left - F	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 194					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 115		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 247			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. IV - ELC	Large	263	C

Comments

Licensing study completed on July 31, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/31/2023

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.decga.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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that classrooms 3rd right, 5th right, 4th left and 6th left did not have current lesson plans available.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2023

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

Splash pad observed to be in good repair.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation that there were vines with thorns on the large playground along the back metal fence and on the 1st right playground along the left side and back metal fence.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please continue to monitor the bathroom's and classroom's vents for dust clean when needed.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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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 observation that the following hazards were present on the playgrounds:

Large Playground- pinecones throughout the area, black mats under the swings were not flush with the resilient surfacing posing a tripping hazards, and two drainage vents were covered with sharp metal wire.

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 center will build a cover to go around the two drainage vents. Pinecones will be removed. Black mats need to be flush with the ground.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2023

Food Service

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

Infant feeding forms were updated regularly.
All bottles were labeled.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

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 2 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met

Comment

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

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.