



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/17/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-51437

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/17/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/10/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/10/2024	Complaint Investigation & 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
Bldg 1	A-1L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play, Nap
Bldg 1	B-2L	One Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg 1	C-3 Far Left		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	D-3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Bldg 1	E-3R		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	F-2R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 1	G-1R		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request			
Bldg 2	A-1st Left		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 2	B-Far Back Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 2	C-1st Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	A-1st Left Side	55	C
Bldg 1	B-Far Right side	19	C
Bldg 2	Main Playground	60	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to complete a follow up visit and to follow up on the previous visit conducted on July 10, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/17/2024

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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed classroom D-3L to be in good repair.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there was one uncovered outlet in classroom B-2L and two uncovered outlets in classroom D-3L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children. Staff members will notify center management if outlet covers are needed for outlets that are not currently being used.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024

Recited on 9/17/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fence on the front-left side of playground A-1st Left Side was observed to be leaning inwards towards the side walk creating a nine and a half inch gap on the top right side where the pole is disconnected from the fence. The consultant further observed two bungee cords connecting the fence to the two separate HVAC units on the left side of the sidewalk.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Recited on 9/17/2024

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:

- Main Playground - The red, teal, and tan sliding structure was observed to be broken at the base of the slide creating a potential tripping and entrapment hazard located on the middle-left side of the playground. The "Thomas the Train" push toy was observed to have a broken back-left wheel located on the front-left side of the playground.

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. Staff members will remove and/or repair any broken equipment observed on the playground area.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024

Recited on 9/17/2024

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The spring riding airplane was removed from the playground area.

Technical Assistance

Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., bees, ants, etc.).
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint, etc.).
- Excessive leaves, sweet gum tree balls, etc.
- Monitor resilient surface for normal wear and tear.
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment and/or toys.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2024

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant did not observe any broken toys stored behind the shed located on Main Playground.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the crib sheets in classroom A-1L to be clean and in good repair. The crib sheets were also observed to be tight-fitting.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed all staff members to be providing direct attention and supervision to the children present for care.