



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/16/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:20 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-35616

Childcare Network #232

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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.
12/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/10/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/06/2024	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	A-1L	Infants	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Flo or Play
Main	B-2L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	C-3L		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-2R	Three Year Olds	2	21	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-1R	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Second Level	F-Pre-K A	GA PreK	1	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Second Level	H-Pre-K B	GA PreK	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Second Level	I-Afterschool		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Second Level	J-Middle Right		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Second Level	K-Pre-K C	GA PreK	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 82			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground	98	C
Main	Left Playground	28	C
Main	Right Playground	56	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	7	13	18	65	1	16

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/16/2024

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.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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.03(9) - Correction of previous citation in that appropriate activities were observed within each classroom on this date.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that chairs are placed around children's tables before children enter the classroom on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.08(2) - Correction of previous citation in that files reviewed contained evidence of age-appropriate immunizations on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms	Met
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Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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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Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.25(13) - Correction of previous citation in that potentially hazardous equipment was inaccessible to children on this date.

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 air conditioning electrical cords were unsecured and accessible to children within classrooms Main B - 2L and Main D - 2R on this date.

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.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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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 gate located on the right middle side of Main Back Playground had a gap that measured four and a half inches wide which caused a potential entrapment hazard on this date.

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: 12/16/2024

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.26(6) - Correction of previous citation in that playground equipment was observed to be free of hazards on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.26(9) - Correction of previous citation in that the playgrounds were observed to be clean, free from litter, and free of hazards on this date.

Food Service

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

591-1-1-.15(2) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that Infant Feeding Plans are periodically updated on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

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.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting	Met
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Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.29(3) - Correction of previous citation in that Required Reporting was not required during the time of the Consultant's visit.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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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)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Met
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Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for vehicle AJY 4805 used in transporting children this date.

Comment

The vehicle AJY 4805 had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 2 did not have two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 12/26/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that seats with minor tearing on vehicle AJY 4805 were repaired as needed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that an infant was observed asleep on an exercise mat for less than five minutes before being transferred to their safety approved crib. The Consultant asked the staff member to transfer the sleeping infant to their individual crib on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that stored cots had large coverings placed on them until use at nap time on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

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 ensuring that the Director and Cook complete four (4) clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Consultant discussed the differences between the two (2) clock hours of food preparation and food allergy training versus the four (4) clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. The Consultant provided two four (4) clock hour training classes to the Director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2025

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.