



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/7/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:10 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-53283

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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.
11/07/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/15/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/13/2024	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
One	Room A	Infants and One Year Olds	3	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
One	Room B	One Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
One	Room C		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
One	Room D	One Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
One	Room E	Infants	2	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
One	Room F	One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Two	Room G	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Two	Room H	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Music
Two	Room I	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Two	Room J	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Homework, Centers
Two	Room K	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Two	Room L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Two	Room M	GA PreK	2	19	C	16	NC	NA	NA	Circle Time, Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Total # Children this Date: 130 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173

Total Capacity @25 sq.
ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One	Playground A	15	C
Two	Playground B (Three's)	40	C
Two	Playground C (Pre-K)	111	C
Two	Playground D (Two's)	28	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
23	26	32	20	26	3	0

Comments

November 7, 2024--The Licensing Study was conducted on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/07/2024

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed ensuring toys were accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2024

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the carpets and area rugs in classrooms needed to be cleaned. Further, the baseboard in Room J was not adhered to the wall on the left side of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2024

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2024

Corrected on 11/7/2024

The correction was made. The Director stated the bathroom light or the light over the sink was turned on during naptime, and curtains were opened.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure any exposed concrete with sharp edges was covered with spray foam.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2024

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

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2024

Corrected on 11/7/2024

The previous citation was associated with a complaint. The Consultant discussed appropriate discipline with the Director.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Corrected on 11/7/2024

The correction was observed. There were no children observed to be asleep in equipment other than cribs 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.

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-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Corrected on 11/7/2024

The correction was observed on this date. All classrooms were observed to maintain proper ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.