



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/16/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:05 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-39379

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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.
10/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/07/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/25/2023	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
Main	A		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	18	C	Outside,Transiti oning
Main	C	Six Year Olds and Over	1	2	C	6	C	8	C	Free Play,Snack
Main	E		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			31		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 38					
Total # Children this Date: 9			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 38					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	13	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	2	3	6	4	0	6

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up on the previous visit.

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)

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined, based on review of records, that one of five children was lacking the information for the child's primary physician. It was further determined that one of five children was lacking the phone number for the parent's place of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2024

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2024

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.08(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, that immunization records were observed to be current on this date.

Evening Care

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

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided. The center's operating hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed with the Owner to please ensure that broken toys are removed from the playground, as a tricycle with a missing handle grip and a bike with a flat wheel were observed on the playground and immediately removed by the owner.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant discussed with the Owner to please ensure that the vines growing through the wooden fence located on the right side of the playground were removed.

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2024

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Owner to please ensure the diaper changing surface in Room A observed with tears was replaced before diapered children are present in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2024

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License	Met
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Correction Deadline: 4/5/2024

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.16(b) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Director/Owner had completed a 40-hour-director's training course approved by the Department prior to licensure as required. The Director/Owner stated that they plan to retake the 40-hour-director's training due to the evidence (training certificate of completion) being misplaced.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2024

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.30(2) - Previous citation corrected in that the center has no enrolled infants at this time.

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 one file for employee hired since last visit.

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

Complete first aid kit observed in the center.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required annual staff training.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2024

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.33(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all staff had completed the Health and Safety Orientation Training on this date. Staff #3 was still within 90 days of employment and was working on completing the Health and Safety Orientation Training on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined, based on a review of records, that Staff #6, identified as the center director, did not have evidence of completing the four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing, and food storage on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not 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.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined, based on review of records, that Staff #4, identified as a lead teacher, and Staff #6, identified as the director and serving in a lead teacher role, did not have evidence of meeting minimum academic requirements on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience. Staffs #4 and #6 will enroll in a program of study to obtain an educational credential approved by the Department before April 16, 2025, and will complete the program, earning the credential before October 16, 2026.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2025

Recited on 10/16/2024

Staffing and Supervision	
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2024

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.32(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that children under three-years-old were observed to be housed in separate physical areas from older children on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - The Consultant discussed with the Owner to ensure staff had watchful oversight and direct supervision over all children present. Upon the Consultant's arrival, the staff from Room C left the room to open the door and greet the Consultant leaving one school-aged child without adult supervision for a brief period of time.

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2024