



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/6/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-37405

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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.
09/06/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/25/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/11/2023	Complaint Investigation & 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
Main	5th Right- Shooting Stars B	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm. 107G-3rd Left	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Rm.-103D-Show Kids	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm.-106H-4th Left	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Rm.-108 F-2nd Left- Tiny Tappers		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm.-109B-1st Left- Tiny Tappers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play
Main	Rm.-4th Right- Shooting Stars A	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm.-Tiny Tappers A	One Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm-1st Right- Tiny Dreamers	Infants	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 58			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	B- All Ages-Left side of Bldg	66	C

Main	Playgd A- Back of Bldg	15	C
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Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/06/2023

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.dec.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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Nadia Galloway, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Director reported no medication since the last visit and on this date. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License **Met**

Comment

591-1-1-.16(f) - The program will submit an Application for an Amendment to add the Special Use Dance Room.

The Director stated that the rooms upstairs are accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission and will provide a current certificate to the consultant by September 20, 2023. If accreditation cannot be verified, an Amendment Application to add the rooms to the current license would need to be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2023

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that lockdown drills were not conducted since the last visit on April 11, 2023..

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center is in the process of utilizing Cobb County School District Emergency Management Specialist to help determine the best course of action in case of shelter in place and lockdown. The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2023

Recited on 9/6/2023

Safety

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

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

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

Corrected on 9/6/2023

.14(1) - Previous citation corrected as current CPR/First Aid for the Director was observed.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)-Citation was deferred since the program has until end of 2023 to complete the required training. Compliance will be evaluated at the next Licensing Visit in 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

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.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.