



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/23/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-14468

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
08/23/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/16/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/24/2022	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	Left (infant)	Infants and One Year Olds	3	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering,F eeding
Main	Middle Left	Two Year Olds	3	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Sn ack
Main	Middle Right Back	Three Year Olds	2	21	C	23	C	NA	NA	Snack,Transiti oning
Main	Middle Right Front	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transiti oning
Main	Right Back		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Right Front		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Trailer		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 67					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Left	6	C
Main	B Middle back yard	22	C
Main	C Right rear yard	12	C

Comments

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/23/2023

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.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@decga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Christine Oglesby, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, CCS Coordinator

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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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that equipment and furniture in the middle right back classroom is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

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

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 8/23/2023

.19(1) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center had limited the capacity for each room on this date.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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 the consultant's observation that there was an eleven inch gap located on the back middle section of the middle playground causing a potential entrapment hazard.

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: 8/23/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2023

Corrected on 8/23/2023

.26(6) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center replaced the swing chains.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure 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. On this date the yellow non-mobile car on the middle playground was missing the wheels, and there was one of five riding merry go round had a cracked seat.

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that the playground is kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. On this date the consultant observed sharp edges on concrete near the entrance gate on the middle playground and on the left hand side near the little tikes playhouse located on the middle playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that baby bottles and formula were not refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 8/23/2023

.07(5) - Previous citation observed corrected in that pacifiers straps were removed from children's clothing on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Please ensure that you turn the textured side of the diaper changing pad over in the middle left classroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that four of eleven sheets were not tight fitting and were occupied on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

Recited on 8/23/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 8/23/2023

.30(2) - Previous citation observed corrected in that no items were placed inside of cribs with infants 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.

Comment

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

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.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 8/23/2023

.32(2) - Previous citation observed corrected in that appropriate staff child ratios were observed.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.