



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/27/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:15 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-3412

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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.
08/27/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/21/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/19/2023	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
1	Rm 1	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
1	Rm 2		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
1	Rm 3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
1	Rm 5	One Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning,Story
1	Room 4	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding
1	Room 6	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Amount of Equipment Available		
Total # Children this Date: 49		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1	Playground	365	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
7	9	9	27	7	0	0

Comments

The Purpose is a license study. The center does not provide swimming activities, transportation or medication dispensing.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this noted date by center.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the following hazards were accessible on this noted date:

-Room 1 - Broom and dust pan; lice spray and disinfectant spray in unlocked cabinets and teacher's personal bag at the desk

-Room 3 - Plastic grocery bag in a child's cubby and Aquaphor, Destin diaper cream, and Johnson's body lotion in a child's bookbag

-Room 4 - Mop and Broom

-Room 5 - Broom and dust pan; disinfectant spray and bug sticky traps in an unlocked cabinet where art supplies were stored

-Room 6 - Sunscreen in a child's bookbag and adult office supplies (scissors, glue gun, stapler, tape dispenser, paper clips) in a unlocked cabinet where lock was broken

-Boys and Girls Bathroom - Hanging toilet bowl cleaners

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POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Discussed with Director that the program needs proper certificates available to the consultant for playground surfacing. The Director stated that they would email the certificates once they received them from the company that installed the surfacing.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be 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. It was determined based on observation that Playground A had a concrete barrier that was 6" in height around the two large pieces of climbing equipment which left exposed sharp edges of concrete.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. Director stated that they would find a to cover the concrete barrier so that there are no sharp edges exposed.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 8/27/2024

.20(4) - Consultant did not observe any medication accessible on this noted date. Director stated that no medication is dispensed.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 8/27/2024

.30(4) - Consultant observed the cots were covered on this noted date.

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 8/27/2024

.09(1)(j) - Consultant observed all employees had satisfactory Comprehensive Record Checks on this noted date.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2023

Corrected on 8/27/2024

.14(1) - Consultant observed the Director and at least fifty percent of the staff had their CPR/First Aid certifications.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of Staff's records that Staff # 2 (hired on 8/17/2023) did not CPR/First Aid Certification within the first ninety days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2024

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.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.