



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/22/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:55 AM Departure: 2:15 PM

CCLC-925

Downs Preschool

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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.
10/22/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/01/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/17/2023	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
I	A Left rear		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
I	B-Left Middle		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
I	C-Rt Rear	GA PreK	2	14	C	12	NC	NA	NA	Nap
I	D-Rt middle		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
I	E-Rt. Front	GA PreK	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	F-Lt Front	GA PreK	2	16	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
II	left front	GA PreK	2	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Snack
II	Left rear	GA PreK	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
II	Right Front	GA PreK	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
II	Right Rear	GA PreK	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 116			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
I	A-Left small area	40	C
I	B-Right large area	196	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	0	128	0	12

Comments

A Licensing Study was conducted on this date.

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.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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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.

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) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2024

Corrected on 10/22/2024

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant did not observe any hazards on the playground on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Met**

Comment

There were no diapered children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

Corrected on 10/22/2024

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the last drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations were conducted in September 2024.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2024

Corrected on 10/22/2024

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the previous cited staff member #13 to have evidence of transportation training. It was obtained on May 1, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2024

Corrected on 10/22/2024

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed complete documentation for transportation to and from Rocky Branch Elementary and Malcolm Bridge Elementary Schools.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director 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 [five] file(s) for employees hired since last visit. The consultant observed five out of five staff members hired since the previous visit to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive criminal background check on file.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

Corrected on 10/22/2024

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed previously cited staff member #1 to have evidence of a current criminal records check and previously cited staff member #19 is no longer employed with the center.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

Corrected on 10/22/2024

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed previously cited staff member #1 to have evidence of a current criminal records check and previously cited staff member #19 is no longer employed with the center.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2024

Corrected on 10/22/2024

.24(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the previous cited staff members (#'s 11, 22, and 24) to have evidence of orientation on file.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

Corrected on 10/22/2024

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed previous cited staff member #12 to have 10 hours of annual training for 2024.

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.