



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/25/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:20 AM

Departure: 5:30 PM

CCLC-46171

**Special Investigations Unit
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Childcare Network #106

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Quality Rated: No

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.
10/25/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/30/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/23/2023	Complaint Investigation & 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- 1L	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- 2L	One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 3L	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- 4L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- 5L		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- 4R	GA PreK	1	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G- 3R	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H- 2R	Three Year Olds	1	18	C	16	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I- 1R		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 72					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Right	31	C
Main	B- Back	43	C
Main	C- Left	29	C

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.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!

Majorie Goodson, Program Official

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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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure current lesson plans are on site.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the center's equipment and furniture are monitored regularly for repairing and repaired where needed.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation, that Classroom H exceeded the licensed capacity on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

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 observation, that the following hazards were observed and accessible to children of this date:

- In Classroom C-3L, five children's book bags that were hanging on hooks contained an empty plastic bag, wipes and packaged pull ups that were labeled "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN".
- In Classroom F-4R, two children's book bags that were hanging on hooks contained a plastic bag, lysol wipes, wipes, and a gallon of freezer zipper bags that were labeled "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN".
- In Classroom H-2R, a child's book bag that was hanging on the hooks contained a long phone charging cord that posed as a choking hazard.
- In Classroom IR, two children's book bags that were hanging on hooks Banana Boat Sunscreen, Off Insect Repellent, and wipes that were labeled "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN".

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: 10/25/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant discussed with Director to ensure that the center's surrounding areas are monitored regularly for repair and repaired where needed.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the playground to be free of hazards.

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)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the vehicle tag number ending with 2257 was unclean and the passenger seats throughout vehicle were torn.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 11/24/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 requires that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use. It was determined based on observation, that in Classroom C-3L all 12 children's cots were not labeled for individual use

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on observation, that in Classroom C-3L all 12 children's cots were without sheets.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that sheets are marked for individual use or washed daily and that marked sheets are washed at least weekly.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that there should be a minimum of twelve inches between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(1) - The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.