



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/23/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:00 AM

Departure: 2:15 PM

CCLC-39038

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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.
01/23/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/15/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/27/2023	Complaint Closure	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		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B- 2L	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Floor Play,Nap,Free Play,Feeding
Main	C- 3L	One Year Olds	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- 4L	GA PreK	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E- 5L	GA PreK	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F- 3R	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G- 2R	GA PreK	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	H- 1R	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 89		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground Left	96	C
Main	Playground RT	25	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a plan of improvement follow up visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/23/2024

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!

Bentley Amy, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure to monitor toys and equipment for normal wear and tear.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that parents update the following information as needed:

- Parents' work and personal contact information (telephone numbers and addresses).
- Release to persons' names, addresses, and relationship to the parent and child.
- Emergency contact persons' names, contact information, and relationship to the parent and child.
- Medical conditions and/or needs.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., bleach, brooms, diaper wipes, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

The center will be remodeling Playground Left and Playground Right on an undetermined date (i.e., potentially installing turf resilient surface, etc.). Please ensure, if turf is installed, to maintain the following documents on file for review as needed:

- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) rating for fall height.
- Manufacturer diagrams to show where the fall zones and/or information on whether the turf covering the resilient would adversely impact the fall height rating.

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2023**Corrected on 1/23/2024**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the wooden canopy areas on Playground Left and Playground Right to be clean and in good repair.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires 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. It was determined based on observation that the following playground equipment was not clean and in good repair:

- Playground Left - The yellow swing chain covers were observed to be peeling on two of four swings located on the back-left side of the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024**Recited on 1/23/2024****Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 10/20/2023****Corrected on 1/23/2024**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the diaper changing areas in classroom F-3R and classroom B-2L to be clean and in good repair.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. Please ensure to return any unused and/or expired medications to the children's parents as needed.

Safety**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 10/18/2023****Corrected on 1/23/2024**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the director and the bus driver to have evidence of a current transportation training certificate on file.

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2023

Corrected on 1/23/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the seats in vehicle tag #PNZ 9149 to be clean and in good repair.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure to monitor cribs and mattresses for normal wear and tear (i.e., torn sheets, curled mattresses, etc.).

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

The director provided four files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on October 17, 2023. The consultant observed four of four newly hired staff members to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all newly hired staff members complete the required health and safety orientation training, and first aid and CPR training are completed within the first 90-days of their date of hire.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2023

Corrected on 1/23/2024

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed all staff members to provide direct attention and supervision to the children present for care during the visit.