



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/13/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM

Departure: 3:00 PM

CCLC-3459

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Specialist

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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.
02/13/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/06/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/01/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
			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.

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	1L	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	1R	One Year Olds	2	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2L	One Year Olds	2	6	C	26	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2R	Two Year Olds	3	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	3R	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Back Left - Left Side A	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	29	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Back Left - Left Side B	GA PreK	2	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Back Left - Right Side	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Back Right Room	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Cafe		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 253					
Total # Children this Date: 93		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 253					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	33	C

Main	B	141	C
Main	C	76	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on any previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/13/2024

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!

Jessica Owens, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center did not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained on this date.

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that all hazards and cleaning equipment is not accessible to children. A gray and white plunger was removed from the girls bathroom located in Classroom 3R on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 hazards were observed on Playground A:

--Exposed concrete with rough and sharp edges under the black stool between the two blue slides on the right of the climbing equipment.

--Exposed concrete with rough and sharp edges under the black stool at the rear of the climbing equipment between the blue slide and blue steps.

--Exposed silver/metal hexagon bolt with two washers on the top of the red support beam on the right side of the blue platform step.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have mulch added and redistributed in the areas underneath the base of the stools to ensure they are properly covered and no hazards are accessible to children. 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: 2/13/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the resilient surface on Playground B was inadequate as follows:

--Resilient surface underneath the blue double slides on the left of the climbing equipment measured at three inches when six inches is required.

--Resilient surface underneath the yellow vertical climbing steps at the rear of the climbing equipment measured at three inches when six inches is required.

--Resilient surface underneath the blue single slide on the right of the climbing equipment measured at three inches when six inches is required.

--Resilient surface underneath the gray climbing cone shaped equipment measured at three inches when six inches is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2024

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that all infant/toddler bottles are properly labeled with the child's first name and last name.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Kitchen appeared clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed to be completed as required.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices	Met
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Comment

Observed all required posted notices displayed on this date.

Safety

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

Center did not have any animals on the premises on this date.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for two field trips conducted on the following dates:

--January 17, 2024

--February 8, 2024

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

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/6/2023

Corrected on 2/13/2024

.30(1)(b) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No infants/children were observed to have objects attached or within the crib while sleeping.

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-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment

Evidence observed of at least 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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 were attentive to children's needs.