



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/22/2024 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 8:50 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-13161

Brooklet United Methodist Church Preschool and Learning Center

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Same

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.
11/22/2024	MV POI Follow Up	Deficient	
10/15/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
06/04/2024	Incident Investigation 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	Room 007	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Outside,Transitioning
Main	Room 110	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Story
Main	Room 111	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Snack,Free Play
Main	Room 122	One Year Olds	3	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 125		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 126	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 129	Infants	3	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding
Main	Room 208	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 119

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 63

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only	46	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was for a monitoring visit and follow up visit. The program does not provide swimming or transportation.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/10/2024

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.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.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 MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

Corrected on 11/22/2024

.03(9) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant did not observe the children engaging in rough play and observed adequate supervision on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(1) - Discussed with Director about ensuring all staff members use the proper straps when placing children in high chairs.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

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 date.

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 accessible to children on this date:

*Classroom 126 had Orajel, hand sanitizer, and Boogie Wipes stored in children's bags within reach of the children.

*Classroom 122 had Orajel, bug spray, Cortizone cream, Desitin, CeraVe lotion, A&D ointment, Vaseline, and Boogie wipes stored in children's bags within reach of the children.

*Classroom 110 had the broom and dust pan out within reach of children.

*Classroom 111 had a staff book bag, hot coffee, a first aid bag containing scissors, disinfectant spray, and Lysol out within reach of children.

*Classroom 007 had plastic bags, Off bug spray, A&D ointment, Desitin, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, Microban sanitizing spray, hand sanitizer, Boogie wipes, Children's Allegra, Little Remedies fever and pain reliever, teething drops, and a broom within reach of the children.

*Classroom 208 had a broom and hanging cords out within reach of the children.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

Recited on 11/22/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Discussed with staff in Classroom 110 about ensuring all outlets are covered.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Not Met

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that staff in Classroom 129 did not wash an infants hands after feeding a bottle.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that staff in Classroom 129 did not wash their hands after feeding a child.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on staff statements and observation that the staff in Classroom 007 had been using a prescription Nystatin powder on a child without written authorization.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

Comment
Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment	
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Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Discussed with staff and Director about ensuring the crib sheets in Room 126 were tight fitting prior to being used.

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Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that two infants in Classroom 129 were sleeping in swings upon consultant's arrival.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

591-1-1-.30(4) - Discussed with the Director about ensuring the cots in all classrooms are stored where they are not touching or accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

Records Reviewed: 37

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 9

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/13/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 8 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 13 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 14 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 15 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 20 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/08/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 23 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 25 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 34 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Director provided seventeen file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Not Met

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 records that employees #3, #13, #15, #25, and #34 had not completed CPR and first aid training within the first 90 days of employment..

Recited on 11/22/2024

Not Met

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that employees #3, #7, #13, #14, #15, #20, #23, #25, and #34, did not have evidence of completing health and safety orientation within the first 90 days of employment.

591-1-1-.33(5)- Annual training for 2024 will be reviewed during the first regulatory visit of 2025.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that the staff in Classrooms 007, 111, 122, and 126 did not stay within arm's length of the children as they were eating lunch.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

Recited on 11/22/2024