



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/3/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:50 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-32168

Tender Tech Child Development Center

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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.
11/03/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/22/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	
07/20/2022	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	Room A/3yrs	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	26	C	Art
Main	Room C/Infants	One Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Diapering
Main	Room D-5-12 yrs		0	0	C	23	C	33	C	Not In Use
Main	RoomB-2Yrs		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	RoomE/6yr+	PreK	2	12	C	19	C	27	C	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 126							
Total # Children this Date: 25			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 126							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	3yrs+	30	C
Main	Infant-Toddler	29	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

November 3, 2022- The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit on September 22, 2022.

The follow up report was discussed with the provider and a copy of the report was left at the center.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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



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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Mionne McCauley, Program Official

Date

Chilon Martin, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022

Corrected on 11/3/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. There was an adequate amount of resilient surfacing on all playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022

Corrected on 11/3/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed an adequate amount of mulch on all playgrounds. Consultant did not observe any black tarp through the mulch on any playground.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(5) requires that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months. It was determined based on observation that on November 3, 2022, center staff failed to notate substitutions on the posted menu. The menu listed cheese sandwich, canned apple slices and fresh carrots/celery. The center served macaroni and cheese, whole apples and sweet peas.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will list all of the current week's meals and snacks and all substitutions on the menu and keep past menus on file for six months and will implement a system to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022****Corrected on 11/3/2022**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all food in the refrigerator in the original packages or labeled and dated.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022****Corrected on 11/3/2022**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed correct hand washing of a child after a diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022**Corrected on 11/3/2022**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed correct hand washing of an infant in care after diapering in classroom C.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022**Corrected on 11/3/2022**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed correct hand washing of staff member in classroom C after diapering.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022****Corrected on 11/3/2022**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all diapering children in classroom C, which was a diapering classroom.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022****Corrected on 11/3/2022**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed tight fitting sheets in all cribs.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/18/2022****Corrected on 11/3/2022**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed the full 10 hours of required annual training for the 2021 year for all staff members.

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

Corrected on 11/3/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all classrooms in the center within the appropriate age groups and appropriate staff: child ratios.