



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/30/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-62204

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
09/30/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/19/2023	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building II	Building 200 Room D		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	Not In Use
Building II	Building 200 Room E		0	0	C	15	C	20	C	Not In Use
Building II	Building 200 Room F	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Homework
Building II	Building 200 Room G	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Homework
Building II	Building 200 Room H	Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Homework
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 133					
Main	Building 300 Room A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	Building 300 Room B	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Building 300 Room C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 133			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 52		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 133					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Building 300 Playground	142	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	8	7	3	9	0	30

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and a monitoring visit.
The monitoring visit was discussed and visit report left with the provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/30/2024

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.al.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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 by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

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 in Main Building the following hazards were present and accessible to children in care:

Main Building Room A

* broom and dust pan located next to the diaper table

Main Building Room B

* broom and dust pan located on the right side of the sink

* clorox wipes labeled "keep out of reach of children" located on the right side of the counter on the sink

Main Building Room C

* broom and dust pan located at the back of the room on the left side of the door

Children's bathroom

* toilet brush and plunger located between the toilets

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: 9/30/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation there was an active ant bed on the playground located to the left of the vegetable garden.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the back fence gate, to the left of the storage unit did not measure four feet, it measured approximately 3.91 feet and to the left of the gate the fence was detached from the top and leaning. The fencing on the side near the street was also detached from the top throughout.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2024

Recited on 9/30/2024

Comment

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed removing the fallen tree limbs and pine combs from the playground due to the storm.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2023

Corrected on 9/30/2024

.16(c) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant reviewed a copy of the centers license, which will expire December 31, 2024.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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 on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.