



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/16/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:45 AM

Departure: 1:45 PM

CCLC-46075

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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.
11/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/15/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/18/2023	Complaint Closure	Support	

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 R Hall 1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play
Main	B R Hall 2L		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	C R Hall 1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	D L Hall 1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	E L Hall 2R	Two Year Olds	3	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story, Transitioning
Main	F L Hall 1L	Infants	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 58

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Back	90	C
Main	PG Left	20	C
Main	PG Right	18	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on June 15, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/16/2023

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

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

Veronica Wright, Program Official

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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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that furniture with exposed foam or cardboard are replaced.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06 - Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the flooring throughout the center is tight-fitting and non-porous.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) -

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure that chipped plaster and peeling paint are repaired.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the bottom of the fence is secure on PG Right.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure monitor the playground for ants and other biting insects.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that a child had a pacifier clipped to their clothes in classroom A R Hall 1R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

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

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2023**Corrected on 11/16/2023**

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed that the interiors of the two vehicles used for transportation were in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) - Consultant discussed with the provider that transportation checklists must include the date for each day. Consultant provided updated transportation checklists.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. -Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that a distinctive mark or symbol is used to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Staff stated knowledge of safe sleep requirements.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that no items are attached to cribs when occupied by a sleeping infant.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 9 files for employees hired since last visit June 15, 2023.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on review of records that staff #13, date of hire 08/16/2021, did not have evidence of a lead teacher degree or credential on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.