



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/13/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 3:55 PM

CCLC-50264

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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.
08/13/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/28/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/28/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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 Building	A-1st Left side	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	B- 2nd left -2nd right side	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	C-3rd left 1st right	Infants	2	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main Building	D-Middle Room	Three Year Olds	1	27	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	E-Right side 1st left	GA PreK	1	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	F-Toddlers- Right side 1st right	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	G-Pre-K Right Side 2nd Left	GA PreK	1	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	H-Two's Right Side- 2nd Right	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	I-Right Side 2nd right	GA PreK	1	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	J-1st Right Side	GA PreK	1	18	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 239

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 170

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 239

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Comments

08-13-2024: The purpose of the visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation has been observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all hazardous items and/or materials to be stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to the children on this date.

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

Not Met

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 rubber resilient surface on the infant playground was cracked on the right side of the playgrounds. The Director stated that a quote has been sent to their corporate office.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center 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: 12/2/2024

Recited on 8/13/2024

		Safety
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591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2024

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff to have documentation of current state-approved or state-accepted transportation training on this date.

		Staff Records
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Correction Deadline: 6/28/2024**Corrected on 8/13/2024**

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all staff to have obtained a satisfactory criminal record determination on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2024**Corrected on 8/13/2024**

.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all staff to have obtained a satisfactory criminal record determination on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024****Corrected on 8/13/2024**

.33(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed documentation of training and orientation on file on this date.

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

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #'s 6 and 26 did not have documentation of minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience to qualify as a lead teacher.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024**Recited on 8/13/2024**