



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/20/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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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.
05/20/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/10/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/15/2023	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
Bldg 3	1L Pre K 1		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 3	1R Pre K 2		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg II	Room H		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Bldg II	Room I		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	Rm C middle rear		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm D middle front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm E Right Rear	GA PreK	2	14	C	18	C	25	C	Outside, Transitioning
Main	Rm F Rt front	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	26	C	Free Play
Main	Room A 1st Left	GA PreK	2	14	C	0	NC	26	C	Music
Main	Room B 2nd Left	GA PreK	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 54			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A Left Preschool	85	C
Main	PG B rear toddler	13	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/20/2024

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.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.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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure to mount the TV down on the shelf located in classroom F- Right Front to prevent a potential tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2024

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. There is no pool on property.

Facility

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(3) - Please ensure to repair all ceiling tiles that present water spots in classroom F, classroom A, and in the bathrooms of classroom B and classroom E. Director stated that a maintenance request has been sent in to repair the ceiling tiles.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2024

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 only 1/2 inch of mulch was present around and underneath climbing equipment that was over five feet tall on Playground A-Left Preschool.

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: 6/28/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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-.05 Animals **Not Evaluated**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Met**

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

Vehicle tag #PB7885 had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

No infants enrolled in program.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit on May 10, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024

Corrected on 5/20/2024

.09(1)(c) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed all current staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024

Corrected on 5/20/2024

.09(1)(l)3. - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed all current staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check.

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)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.