



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/3/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:35 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-30955

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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.
11/03/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/25/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/25/2022	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	1L Infant	Infants	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	1R Preschool 1	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2L Beginners	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play
Main	2R Preschool 2	Three Year Olds	2	22	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	3L Toddlers	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioning
Main	3R Preschol 3	Four Year Olds	2	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Breakfast
Main	4R Pre-Kgtn	GA PreK	1	18	C	26	C	36	C	Centers
Main	5R Schoolage	GA PreK	2	20	C	36	C	50	C	Centers
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	41	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 226					
Total # Children this Date: 128					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 226					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler LS	18	C
Main	Preschool Right Side	57	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. Staff files and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/03/2023

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.al.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!

Heather Wilson, Program Official

Date

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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)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12 - Please ensure to monitor toys and equipment for normal wear and tear.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that there was a broken frame with sharp edges attached to the book shelf and a torn chair with exposed foam in the housekeeping area in classroom 1R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 11/24/2023

Recited on 11/3/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(3) - Please ensure that equipment and furniture be placed to permit the children's freedom of movement and to minimize danger of accident and collision.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

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 routinely met by center.

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 that the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Pre-K 1: 5R - There were two plastic Kroger grocery bags stored in two children's cubbies located on front left side of the classroom.
- Preschool 3:3R- A broom and broken vacuum was stored in the right corner of the classroom adjacent to the children sink,
- Preschool1:1R- There was a green container of a variety of diaper ointment creams, a roll of plastic trash bags, a box of plastic vinyl gloves,two packet of diaper wipes stored under the left side of an unsecured cabinet in the Diaper changing area located on front right side of the classroom.

All items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN."

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. Teachers immediately removed the items and stored them in locked and secured cabinet.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

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 that the ceiling vents throughout the center were observed to contain a large amount of dust and debris in the restrooms and the boys' restroom between classrooms 4R and 5R smelled strongly of urine.

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: 11/3/2023

Recited on 11/3/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 there was a gap measuring approximately 12 inches in height and eight inches in width of the bottom fence on the far left side of the fence that separates the toddler and middle playground .

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: 11/24/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the second bar on the climbing ladder on the tan and green play structure on the middle playground is broken and the chains are cracking throughout.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The director stated the area will be caution off to ensure no children climb the ladder.

Correction Deadline: 11/24/2023

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.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11 - Please be mindful of age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection when addressing behaviors.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

591-1-1-.36 - Consultant discussed with director to routinely checking each of the center's transportation vehicles. Staff who are assigned this responsibility should notice and report issues such as torn seats, exposed wiring, missing door handles, etc. and vehicles should be repaired when problems are noted.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36 - To please ensure telephone numbers are provided for Emergency Contacts.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023

Corrected on 11/3/2023

.30(1)(d) - The previous citation was observed on this date. The consultant observed children sleeping in alternating pattern on this date.

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 six staff files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2023

Corrected on 11/3/2023

.14(2) - The previous citation has observed to be corrected. After a review of records staff member is no longer employed with the center.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023

Corrected on 11/3/2023

.33(1) - The previous citation has been corrected. After a review of records staff member is no longer employed at the center..

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.