



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/13/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:45 AM

Departure: 2:55 PM

CCLC-51181

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Quality Rated: No

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.
10/13/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/21/2023	TA Follow Up	N/A	
03/17/2023	Licensing Study	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-1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,TV
Main	B-1L	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-3L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on March 17, 2023.

Consultant provided the center with Consumer Product Safety Commission and parental rights posted notices.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/13/2023

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.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!

Andrea King, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 10/13/2023

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed equipment and furniture to be secured.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2022

Corrected on 10/13/2023

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed five of five children's files to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2022

Corrected on 10/13/2023

.08(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed five of five children's files to have documentation of age-appropriate immunizations.

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****Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023****Corrected on 10/13/2023****.19(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the center to be within their licensed capacity.**

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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 there was a hole in the exterior of the building on the playground.

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: 10/13/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023****Corrected on 10/13/2023****.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the playground to be clean and well-maintained.**

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that infant feeding plans are updated every two to three months as required.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 - Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed food stored at the appropriate temperatures.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023****Corrected on 10/13/2023****.10(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. staff stated complete knowledge of required diapering procedures**

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023****Corrected on 10/13/2023**

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed age appropriate hand washing.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(1)(p) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the center's emergency preparedness plan includes procedures for relocation, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations. The plan must also include specific accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions.

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2023

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.27 - Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

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/or redirection observed.

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)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that during naptime, rooms should be light enough to ensure that staff can continue to properly observe and supervise children and to evacuate the center in case of an emergency.

Comment

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep requirements.

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 March 17, 2023.

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2023

Corrected on 10/13/2023

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the center to have documentation of 100 percent of staff to have current certification in first aid and CPR

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

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2023

Corrected on 10/13/2023

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed 100 percent of center staff to have documentation of completed health and safety orientation training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2021

Corrected on 10/13/2023

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the lead teachers to have professional learning plans to obtain the academic requirements required of a lead caregiver.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32 - Consultant discussed with the director the difference between ratio requirements and room capacity.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 10/13/2023

.32(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed appropriate staff:child ratios in all classrooms.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that a staff member left four two-year-old children unattended when they briefly walked out of classroom B-1L. Further, a seven-year-old was unattended in special use room C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2023