



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/5/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:00 AM Departure: 6:35 PM

CCLC-3202

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
11/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/13/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
02/23/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
A	Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
A	Right	Infants	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
B	Left		0	0	C	19	C	26	C	Not In Use
B	Right		0	0	C	0	C	25	C	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
C	Only		0	0	C	0	C	26	C	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 0		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	Back Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Behind Kitchen		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Front		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Right Back	Two Year Olds	2	17	NC	16	NC	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Right Front	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 119		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
C	Back Right	269	C

Main	Front	39	C
Main	Left Back	121	C
Main	Middle Left	65	C
Main	Middle Right	32	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
17	15	16	18	17	1	29

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/05/2024

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.decgal.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!



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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.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.08(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the children's applications are filled out in its entirety.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024

Evening Care

591-1-1.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that in the Main Right Back Two-Year-Old classroom there were 17 children being cared for in the classroom, which had a total license capacity of 16 children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children even though classrooms are not in use.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.26(4)- This citation will be evaluated on the next visit date due to inclement weather. The playground was observed to have fallen trees and debris on the playground. The Consultant was unable to assess on this date. The Provider stated that an insurance claim have been filed for the damages as a result of Hurricane Helene.

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: 1/23/2024**Defer**

591-1-1-.26(6)-This citation will be evaluated due to inclement weather. The playground was observed to have fallen trees and debris on the playground. The Consultant was unable to assess on this date. The Provider stated that an insurance claim have been filed for the damages as a result of Hurricane Helene.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2024**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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

Corrected on 11/5/2024

.30(2) - The citation was corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion with staff, children are placed on their back to sleep to prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #3 who was rehired May 28, 2024, staff member #6 who was rehired on August 20, 2024, and staff member #10 who was rehired on September 23, 2024 did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while children were present for care as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review all staff files to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will review all staff files to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)2. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee when there has been a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 calendar days (6 months) or longer. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #3 who was rehired on May 28, 2024, staff member #6 who was rehired August 20, 2024, staff member #10 who was rehired on September 23, 2024, did not submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprint to an authorized fingerprinting site as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review rules and regulations and immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for Directors, Employees or Provisional Employees Employee's when there has been a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 calendar days (6 months) or longer. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will review all staff files to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Director provided 15 staff files for review and there were three new staff hired since the last visit.

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

Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

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