



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/29/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:55 AM

Departure: 2:05 PM

CCLC-666

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Consultant**

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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.
11/29/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/14/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/12/2022	Licensing Study	N/A	
			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.

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	T Back L Hall 1R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	U Back R Hall		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	O Main Hall 2L	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A 1R Hall 1R	GA PreK	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B 1R Hall 2R	GA PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D 1R Hall 4R	GA PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E 1R Hall 5R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F 1R Hall 3L	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G 1R Hall 2L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H 1R Hall 1L	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	I L Hall 1L		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J L Hall 2L		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	L 2R Hall 2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	P Main Hall 3L	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	R Main Hall 4L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	S Back L Hall 2R		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C 1R Hall 3R	GA PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K Hall 2L		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	M 2R Hall 1L	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play

Main	N	Main Hall 1L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 382						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 148			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 382			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground	368	C
Main	Small Playground	52	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up on the previous visit on June 14, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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!

Wanda Harris, Program Official

Date

Codi Parham, Training & Communications Unit
Consultant

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Stephanie Clark, Lead Consultant

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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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.12(4) - Requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. The consultant discussed with provider to check computer monitors and secure to prevent hazard.

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2023

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.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1.26 - Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. The consultant discussed with provider to ensure the base of the fence remains anchored and free from entrapment hazard.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	Met
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Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Currently no infants enrolled requiring cribs. Discussed only one mattress with a minimum depth of two (2) inches required per crib.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

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

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.