



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/23/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:25 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-2045

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Same

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.
09/23/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/02/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/25/2023	Monitoring Visit	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	A		0	0	C	9	C	12	C	
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	Six Year Olds and Over	3	11	NC	13	C	19	C	Transitioning
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 50				
Total # Children this Date: 18			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 50				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	88	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	1	3	1	1	0	15

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on September 23, 2024 with the Director Arlesia McCullough. Background checks were all reviewed on September 23, 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.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 user id 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)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-25(12) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that heating and cooling equipment must be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2024

591-1-1-26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-26(6) - The Consultant discussed with the Director connecting the colorful picnic table on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2024

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 two inches of resilient surface was observed in the fall zone of the blue climbing dome and the blue slide, when three inches was required. It was determined based on observation that two inches of resilient surface was observed in the fall zone of the red swing set and the silver slide, when six inches was required.

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: 10/7/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the playground must 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. The Consultant discussed with the Director storing the water hose to be inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2024

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 of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.05(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that based on the standards and accreditation best practice criteria of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), reptiles (e.g., lizards, iguanas, turtles, snakes, etc.) should not be allowed as classroom pets due to the risk of salmonella infection.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2024

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that any Center that provides any type of transportation must obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - The Consultant discussed with the Director covering the small tear in the first row seat on vehicle tag # SER9123.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - The Consultant discussed with the Director adding the parent work contact information and the doctor's contact information to the vehicle emergency medical forms.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

Corrected on 9/23/2024

.36(7)(c) - Citation corrected. The Consultant observation transportation documentation complete.

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

No infants currently enrolled.

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)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) The Consultant discussed with the Director that the Center must 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. Please ensure that all independent contractors and or volunteers who work less than once every 90 days or other individuals who do not require a CBC must be supervised at all times by center staff.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2024

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on observation that children younger than three-years-old were grouped with older children at a time other than arrival and late afternoon times of departure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain Staff:child ratios based on the youngest child in the group during early morning and late afternoon times when children younger than three years of age may be grouped with older children.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2024

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.