



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/17/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-3316

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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.
02/17/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/15/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/08/2022	Licensing Study	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
Bldg. I	1st right	Infants	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Bldg. I	2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. I	3rd Right	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Music
Bldg. I	Back	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Story
Bldg. I	Left Side	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 45			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Bldg.II	Front-Pre-K		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Bldg.II	Right Side	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	26	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 58			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 60		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. I	left side playground	37	C
Bldg. I	Right side Playground	81	C

Comments

Monitoring visit completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/17/2023

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!

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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

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 the following classrooms had hazardous equipment:

Building I

2nd right- Gray painted shelf had peeling paint and the foam blocks had wear with exposed foam.

3rd right- The wooden child size sofa's bottom red cushion was worn with exposed foam.

Building II

The back side classroom had two gray and one white painted shelves with peeling paint.

The wooden sand/water table with the red liner two front legs were not secured appropriately causing the legs to move.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.12(4) - Please ensure items placed on top of toy shelves are secured to prevent item from falling on children.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

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)**Not Met****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 hazards were present:

Building I

Back 3rd Right:

On lower shelf in children's individual baskets were baby wipes and "Nystatin" diaper cream.

Building II

Back & Right side:

On lower shelf in children's individual baskets were baby wipes

Toilet bowl cleaner was in an unlocked cabinet under the handwashing sink in the restroom.

All items had 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.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023**Recited on 2/17/2023****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please monitor the ceiling and restroom vents to ensure they are dusted and cleaned.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 following hazards were present:

Building I left side:

The red and yellow tunnel under the yellow slide had paint chipping.

The red big travel car tunnel had paint chipping.

The green, purple, blue, yellow metal car had paint peeling.

Building I right side:

The red and yellow riding metal car had paint chipping.

The red trike go around had paint peeling.

The blue jeep had an exposed screw on the front driver's side tire where the tire was coming apart.

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.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2023**Recited on 2/17/2023**

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022**

Corrected on 2/17/2023

.15(2) - Correction observed on this date. Feeding plans were updated as required.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 2/17/2023

.17(7) - Correction observed on this date. Staff stated proper handwashing procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Staff Records

One or more parameters were not specified for the subreport, 'StaffMissingRequirements', located at:
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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Comment

Director provided 4 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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 upon consultant's arrival in the first right classroom in building 1 the teacher was standing outside the door talking with another staff member with her back to the children in care.

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: 2/17/2023