



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/29/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:25 AM

Departure: 2:20 PM

CCLC-50808

Rockmart Early Childhood Development Center

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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.
01/29/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/21/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/18/2022	Initial 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
Main	1L-Three Year old	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	1R-GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	8	C	35	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	2L-Three Year & Four Year Olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	36	C	NA	NA	Outside
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 32			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground	143	C
Main	Toddler Playground	32	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on February 21, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/29/2024

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Donnis Pace, 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

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

Comment

Consultant observed equipment and furniture to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed parent agreements to be obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed parent authorizations that were obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed records to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Ensure bathrooms are cleaned throughout the day.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be routinely met by the center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed no hazards accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed the playground to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed the center menu to meet USDA guidelines.

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

Consultant observed the kitchen to appear clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	N/A
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Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering.

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

Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center.

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

Consultant observed documentation for medication dispensing to be complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed program complete emergency drills. The last fire drill was conducted on December 13, 2023.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

Consultant discussed reporting requirements with the center director on this date.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals** N/A**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Consultant observed age-appropriate discussion and redirection.

Comment

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) N/A**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips.

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**Comment**

Consultant observed pleasant nap time environment.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2023

Corrected on 1/29/2024

.09(1)(j) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant reviewed all staff to have a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department during this visit.

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

Consultant observed criminal records checks to be complete.

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

Consultant observed complete first aid kits throughout the center.

Comment

Consultant observed evidence of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Not Met**Comment**

Consultant observed documentation of required staff training.

Comment

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #7 and #8 did not have their completed orientation checklists documented and signed prior to assignment to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and provide orientation for all new Staff prior to their staff's assignment to children or task.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2024

Comment

Consultant discussed with the center director: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed the center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed staff to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs throughout the center.