



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/24/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:20 AM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-13720

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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.
07/24/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/11/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/29/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Infants	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding,Diapering
Main	1L		0	0	C	39	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	1R PreK		0	0	C	39	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2L	One Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Diapering,Transitioning
Main	2R-PreK		0	0	C	46	C	64	C	Not In Use
Main	3L	One Year Olds	2	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Outside
Main	3R	Four Year Olds	2	8	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers,Lunch
Main	4L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning,Lunch
Main	Center-L	Six Year Olds and Over	2	7	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside,Centers
Main	Center-R	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transition ing
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					295					
Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					295					
Total # Children this Date: 54					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					295
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					295

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant	39	C
Main	Preschool	72	C
Main	School Age	248	C
Main	Water Park	16	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. Staff files and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director. Consultant left a copy of Required Reporting Guidelines.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/24/2024

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 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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that toys are located in a area safe for children's reach to prevent injury from toys tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Per director the 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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., plastic bags, brooms, vacuums, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2024

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean on this date..

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., bees, ants, etc.).
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint, secure equipment, etc.).
- Hanging tree limbs or loose tree limbs

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2024

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.20(3) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure to schedule specific times during the day when medication will be administered (e.g., 11AM and 3PM) and notify parents that medications will only be dispensed at these specific times. Include this information in the center's policies and procedures.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on a review of records that medication was dispensed at inconsistent times during the morning dispenses for the week of July 15-July 19, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2024

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

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

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

- Please ensure to add the following items to the first aid kit:
 - Scissors
 - Mask
 - Protective eyewear

Comment

Consultant observed complete documentation of transportation .

Comment

The consultant observed the following vehicle to have evidence of a current vehicle inspection report:
- Vehicle tag # EHP567- Expires July 31, 2025

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

Consultant observed cribs/cots labeled for individual use.

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

The director provided 10 files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on August 29 2023. The consultant observed 10 of 10 newly hired staff members to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file and electronically on this date..

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 a review of records a staff member #14, staff does not have official start date did have evidence of a comprehensive record check electronically as required by the department. Staff was observed present in classroom Center R with one staff member with Comprehensive Record Checks and 10 three-year-old. Records indicated staff submitted an application online on July 11, 2024 and registration was resent on July 24, 2024. Director stated the staff was visiting the classroom before official start date to get familiar with the children and the environment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will 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 ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2024

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.

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

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

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observe staff to engage safe age-appropriate activities on this date.