



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/19/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:25 AM **Departure:** 2:40 PM

CCLC-35492

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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.
12/19/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/14/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/15/2023	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	1st Right Hallway		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	A Elem 1st Right	Six Year Olds and Over	4	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B 2nd Right Red	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	23	C	29	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning
Main	C 3rd Right Brown	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	5	19	C	29	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D 1st Left Yellow	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	27	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E 2nd Left Green	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	27	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F 3rd Left Blue	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	27	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department				
Total # Children this Date: 140			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Front Right	28	C
Main	PG Toddler Right Rear	18	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	10	14	42	32	0	64

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records were reviewed today.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decal.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure equipment and furniture are properly secured to prevent injury from tipping and/or falling.

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Per director the center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed records to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Consultant observed restrooms to be clean and well maintained.

Comment

Please ensure to check vents and fans regularly, repair as needed.

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)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed center clean and well maintained on this date.

Comment

Please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., teacher purses, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to children at all times.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

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

- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Ensure exit gates are locked and secured at all times.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint,etc.).
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment and/or toys; standing water between 1-2 inches is a drowning hazard.

Consultant discussed with director to consider implementing the following for best practices;

- Check each playground after inclement weather for any hazards such as limbs, debris, etc.
- Assign a staff person to do a daily check of the playground(s) prior to use.

Consultant emailed director a playground checklist during visit.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2024

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

Parents provide children with meals. Staff check meals regularly to ensure the meal criteria is met.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Parents provide children with meals; the kitchen area is not utilized.

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

Consultant observed diapering procedures posted in diapering area on this date..

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

Consultant observed staff to remind children to wash hands.

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

Per director center does not currently dispense/administer medication, Emergency medication is kept on premises. Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures on this date.

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

Per director does not keep animals on premises.

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

Consultant observed a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Please denote the estimated return time of the of field trip.

Finding

591-1-1-.13(5) requires Center Staff to leave a list of children and adults participating in the trip at the Center and to take the same list on the trip in the possession of the adult in charge of the trip. It was determined based on a observation that one child was not marked off during the unloading of the field trip conducted to Sawnee Mountain Preserve on December 18, 2024

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant discussed with director to ensure staff review the documentation after conducting the second vehicle check.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2024

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

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

Vehicle tag # DWF181-Inspection conducted on August 27, 2024.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) - Consultant discussed with director to please ensure each staff person who is responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children shall complete two (2) clock hours of state-approved or state-accepted training. Consultant also discussed with the director best practices to consider for staff responsible for transportation;

-Highlight the completion date on the training certificates as a reminder when staff must renew the training every two years.

-Clip copies of transportation training certificates together and store them in the transportation notebook/folder for easy tracking

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2024

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)**Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete, consultant observed staff to have satisfactory record checks electronically on this date.

Comment

Director provided five staff files for employees hired since last visit conducted on November 14, 2023. Consultant observed five of five new hires to have obtained a satisfactory record check electronically on this date.

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

Consultant observed evidence of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.