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Date: 12/18/2025 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:20 AM Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-58309

Childcare Network #344

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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.
12/18/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/23/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/14/2024	Complaint Closure	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
1	A	One Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
1	B		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
1	K-L		0	0	C	36	C	50	C	Not In Use
1	M		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 215					
2	C		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
2	D	Infants	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
2	E	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
2	F	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art
2	G	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
2	H	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art
2	I - J	GA PreK	2	6	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 215					
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 215				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1	Main	146	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	13	18	16	6	2	35

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date, Previous rule violations were observed and discussed.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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!



Summary 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

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

.06(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The Consultant did not observe dust on exhaust vents in the bathrooms.

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that adult supervision was present when children washed their hands.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

.25(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the utility room in Building 2 to be locked as required.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the fence surrounding the heating and cooling equipment located on the playground between building 1 and 2 to measure beyond the required 48 inches.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe any broken tricycles on the playground.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe children wearing necklaces around their necks.

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

Corrected on 12/18/2025

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that, based on a review of records, the tornado drills and lockdown drills had been conducted as required every six months.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.