



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/30/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-27428

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Same

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.
04/30/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/25/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/21/2023	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	After School	GA PreK	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
main	GA PreK	GA PreK	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
main	Gym		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	
main	Infants	Infants	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Nap, Diapering
main	Jr Preschool	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
main	Junior Toddlers	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
main	PreK Prep	Four Year Olds	1	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers, Circle Time
main	Sr Toddlers	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
main	Sr. Preschool	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			184		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 113			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
main	Infant	26	C
main	Large playground	69	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and Complaint Investigation follow up. A follow up to previous citations were conducted as well. The Complaint Closure will remain open due to additional documentation needed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/30/2024

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 Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(8) requires a center to provide individual attention to each child by responding promptly to the child's distress signals and need for comfort. It was determined based on observation in the Junior Toddler's classroom, staff allowed children to drink sippy cups that belonged to other children and did not promptly respond prior to a child's distress signal.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide staff training in when and how to respond appropriately to children's distress signals and need for comfort.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Discussed with the provider to ensure toys are stored low and shelves are open and accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

Corrected on 4/30/2024

Previous citation corrected. No hazards were observed accessible to children in the Senior Toddler classroom.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation in the Senior Preschool classroom, window screens were observed torn and in need of repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

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

Met

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Technical Assistance

Discussed with the provider to ensure bottles are refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less and monitored with a thermostat in all refrigerators with children's food stored.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Discussed with the provider to ensure Toddler staff are washing children hands with liquid soap and water instead of using a wipe.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed with the provider to ensure mats are stored to prevent children's access to touching.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Staff Records

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

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

Discussed with provider to monitor classrooms for ratio requirements. Staff member in Pre-K Prep was one over the required ratio; however, provider moved a child to ensure ratio requirements are met.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.