



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/24/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-33329

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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.
10/24/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/21/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/18/2023	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	A Left-End	GA PreK	1	12	C	37	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B Left Middle	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C Right Middle	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	D Right Back	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E Right Front	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 54		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	327	C
Main	Playground B	22	C
Main	Playground C	29	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	11	10	17	15	1	24

Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit, conduct a Licensing Visit and a Complaint Investigation. The investigation was not completed on the day of the visit. The Director will be notified of the outcome once the investigation is completed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/24/2024

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 Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2023

Corrected on 10/24/2024

.25(3) - Previous citation was corrected as all lights were working as required.

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that there are no gaps larger than three and a half inches at the bottom of the fence to the back of Playground A.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that there are no protruding bolts on the fence. The Director stated that the fence was recently installed by Home Depot and they will reach out and request the repair.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Discussed overlapping fall zones for the swings that form a circle on Playground A. There were six swings present and three will be removed /made inaccessible to the children to allow for the required fall zones without overlap (the length of the swing chain + seven (7) feet to the front and back of the swing).

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2024

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2023

Corrected on 10/24/2024

.26(9) - Previous citation was corrected as the cracks on pipes on playground A and C were observed to be covered with duct tape and were not presenting a hazard for the children. Please monitor ongoing and repair/replace as needed.

Food Service**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please utilize the updated Infant Feeding Plan form. A copy was e-mailed to the Director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2024

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Please ensure that the diaper changing surface in the Infant room is smooth with no design.

Additionally, the position of the strap on the diaper table in the one-year-old room was discussed, as it was not cleanable or washable. The Director stated that the strap will be removed or the mat placed on top of it.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2024

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Observed all required posted notices.

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

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Turtle maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for 12 passenger Ford vans with license plate numbers AQP 9980 and AQL 5415 used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. - please watch booster and car seats for expiration dates.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2024**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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 four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

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

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2023.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(4) - Please ensure that the Director and the cook take one additional hour in Food Service and Nutrition each.

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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**

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