



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/26/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:05 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

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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.
08/26/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/07/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/08/2024	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
Building 2	A- 1L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	B- 1R		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	C- 2L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	D- 2R		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	E- Back room		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A- 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	25	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	B- 2R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 3R		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- Middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	NC	27	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	E- 2L		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	28	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 18			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Playground D - 4 and up	76	C

Main	Playground A (Infants - 2 yrs) Right side	43	C
Main	Playground B	27	C
Main	Playground C: 4 & UP- Middle	77	C
Main	Playground D- 4's Front of Bldg 2	54	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	3	7	6	1	0	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study visit and to follow up from previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/26/2024

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 user id 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

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities per the director.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Enrollment forms were discussed with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2024

Corrected on 8/26/2024

.06(4) - Previous citation of the ventilation not working in the two- year -old, and the three/ four year old classrooms was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2024

Corrected on 8/26/2024

.25(3) - Previous citation of the ceiling tile missing and exposing a twelve inch hole in classroom D as well as the light fixture not covered and displaying wiring and the light fixtures was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation, the main playground had a four way yellow see saw, a yellow metal truck, and a red metal truck that were rusted and had chipped paint. It was also observed on playground D, the red slide and the yellow connecting cylinder had chipped paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(5) - Menu requirement was discussed with director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.18(7) requires each Center to have a designated space for storage of food and kitchen items and that the area be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. It was determined based on observation that the first refrigerator freezer on the right had a red substance that was covering majority of the bottom of the freezer.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate an area for the storage of these items, will thoroughly clean the space, if needed, develop and implement a plan to train Staff, as needed, and inspect the storage area daily.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that two of three children in classrooms A1-R did not wash their hands after eating breakfast.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Recited on 8/26/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Per the Provider, the facility 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

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. - First check discussed with director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - Crib spacing was discussed with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2024

Corrected on 8/26/2024

.24(1) - Previous citation of ten year work history not being on file was observed to be corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Staff training hours will be checked on the next visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not 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.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on review of records that employees #10, #12, and #13 are listed as lead teaches and do not meet the minimum academic requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 9/6/2024

Recited on 8/26/2024

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation in the middle classroom, housed one staff member to one one-year-old, seven two-year-olds, and one three-year- old when the requirement is 1:8.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that a three- year- old was housed with one and two year olds in the middle classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) - Parental agreement was discussed with director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.