



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/9/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:00 PM **Departure:** 2:05 PM

CCLC-37226

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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.
09/09/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/30/2023	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	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	20	C	28	C	Nap
Main	B Middle	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 50					
Total # Children this Date: 18			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 50		Building @25 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	one	61	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	5	7	4	7	5	15

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a licensing study.

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.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.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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.03(2) - Citation observed corrected.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined that the bathroom in classroom A had a strong odor of urine on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2024

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - Center will ensure that gates are closed while children are in care.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.15(1) - Citation observed corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined that the center did not have a feeding plan for one infant in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

Recited on 9/9/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/10/2024

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.21(3) - Citation observed corrected.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) Met**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.09(1)(b) - Citation observed corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.09(1)(l)3. - Citation observed corrected.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.33(1) - Citation observed corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.33(4) - Citation observed corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.33(5) - Citation observed corrected.

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.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.