



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/11/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation &
Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-35528
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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.
04/11/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up	Support	
02/01/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
12/22/2023	Incident 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
MAIN	A-infants-1 yr	Infants and One Year Olds	1	2	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
MAIN	B-1 & 2 yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
MAIN	C - Infants	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
MAIN	D-PreK (4+)	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	29	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
MAIN	E-3+	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 35					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
MAIN	A-Left	41	C
MAIN	B-Back	73	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and conduct a Complaint Investigation.

April 12, 2024: Report placed Under Review to generate a Plan of Improvement and correct the Departure Time shown on the visit form.

May 2, 2024: Visit form placed Under Review to publish Complaint Closure. (Rena Keene)

May 6, 2024: Visit Form Under Review to correct Complaint Closure Date and publish to web. (Rena Keene)

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 04/25/2024

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.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 Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.25(13) - requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. The consultant and provider discussed keeping cleaning supplies inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather that occurred the previous evening and in the morning hours. The playground was extremely wet and a flood advisory was in effect at the time of the visit.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing table in classroom C housing one and two year old children had a crack along the right side of the table. Please repair or replace the diaper-changing surface so that the surface meets the requirements.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(8) - requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. The consultant and staff discussed hand washing after diapering.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2024

Corrected on 4/11/2024

.36(10) - Staff stated that no children have been left unattended on a vehicle since the previous determination was made on February 1, 2024.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of transportation records, that the parental authorization on file for Child 1 did not include the pick-up location, delivery location, and no times for pick up and delivery. The forms only listed the names of the child, the days of the week and the parent's signature. Additionally, the parental authorization to transport Child No. 2 and Child No. 3 did not include the parent's signature.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that Child # 2 and Child # 3 were transported from W. G. Nunn Elementary School to Jackson Heights Christian Academy on the afternoon of April 10, 2024, with an incomplete emergency medical form on the vehicle. The forms for these two children did not include the name of the children's doctor and telephone number or the medical facility used by the center. Additionally, it was determined based on a review of records that on the mornings of April 9, 2024, and April 10, 2024, Child # 1 was transported from her home to Jackson Heights Christian Academy with no Emergency Medical Form on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2024

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2024

Corrected on 4/11/2024

.36(7)(c)2. - Based on a review of transportation records, children were documented to have been checked on and off the logs each time a child entered the vehicle and when they exited the vehicle,

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on a review of transportation logs for the prior month that a first check of the vehicle was not made on March 22, 2024, when seven children were transported from W.G. Nunn Elementary School to the center during the after-school route.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Recited on 4/11/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of transportation logs for the prior month that a second check of the vehicle was not made on March 22, 2024, when seven children were transported from W.G. Nunn Elementary School to the center during the after-school route.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Recited on 4/11/2024

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2024

Corrected on 4/11/2024

.36(8) - Staff state that no children are transported for longer than forty-five minutes.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of staff records that the Director did apply for a current satisfactory background check through fingerprinting when the most recent determination expired on February 22, 2024. A one-day letter was left with the Director, along with instructions to view the required videos and submit the completed affidavit verifying the viewing of the videos no later than April 18, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(b) requires the Center to ensure that every Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of staff records that the Director did not have a current satisfactory background check on file. The most recent determination expired on February 22, 2024, and a new application had not been completed. A one-day letter was left with the Director, along with instructions to view the required videos and submit the completed affidavit verifying the viewing of the videos no later than April 18, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

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**

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2024

Corrected on 4/11/2024

.32(7) - Consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.