



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/18/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-56451

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
06/18/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/13/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/02/2023	Complaint Closure	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	1L-A-Front Left	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	1L-B-Left	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	1R-A-Front Right	One Year Olds	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	1R-B- Back Right	Infants	1	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2L-A- Front Pre-K		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2L-B-Afterschool	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2R-A- Front Right		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2R-B-Back Right	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 47		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side Toddler	24	C
Main	Right Side - Afterschool	44	C

Comments

June 18, 2024- The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit on May 13, 2024.

The follow up report was discussed with the provider and a copy was left at the center.

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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant did not observe any furniture with exposed foam or tears.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. There were no potty seats observed in the classrooms.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all cabinets locked in all of the classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. The overgrown shrubs were observed removed from the fence areas and were not accessible to children.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. The toddler playground had a three-inch gap in the fence.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024****Corrected on 6/18/2024**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed updated feeding plans for all enrolled infants.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024**Corrected on 6/18/2024**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed the pre-made and individual labeled bottles that were brought in by the parents.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024**Corrected on 6/18/2024**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. The center only uses boneless meats in the center now as observed by the current menu.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024****Corrected on 6/18/2024**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed adequate ventilation in the kitchen and food prep area using natural and mechanical means.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024**Corrected on 6/18/2024**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. The temperature in the freezer was zero degrees.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/20/2024****Corrected on 6/18/2024**

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant all diapering mats with exposed foam had been replaced by new ones.

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/14/2024****Corrected on 6/18/2024**

The center is not providing transportation at this time.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2024**Corrected on 6/18/2024**

The center is not providing transportation at this time.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024**Corrected on 6/18/2024**

The center is not providing transportation at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024**

Corrected on 6/18/2024

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all cribs with crib sheets in them.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Staff stated that all infants are placed on their backs and Consultant observed the staff members placing infants on their backs.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. All staff members had submitted an application to have Satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check completed.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. All staff members present at the center had a Satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed that over 50% of staff members were first aid and CPR certified.