



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/11/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 7:55 AM **Departure:** 2:05 PM

CCLC-37849
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Same

Quality Rated: No

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.
07/11/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/08/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/03/2023	Incident Investigation 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
Building 2	Primary/ elementary	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	1L Multipurpose Room	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	4L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	4R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	NC	23	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	A- 2L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Snack, Outside, Transitioning
Main	B- 3L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C- 3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	6	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	D- 2R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E- 1R	One Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 77			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 198			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Right Side	51	C
Main	B - Left Side	69	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and complaint investigation. Criminal records and new staff files were checked on this date.

Center has a variance for enclosed bathroom on file.

Center is currently under a change of ownership. Consultant discussed the change of ownership application with an up-to-date fire inspection (i.e., a fire inspection dated within 12 months of the Department's receipt of the application) must be submitted by the new owner. to the department.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with owner to please ensure to monitor cabinets for rough or sharp edges to prevent injury.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Per owner the center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2024

Corrected on 7/11/2024

.06(4) - The previous citation is corrected. The consultant observed the center to have a variance on file and a exhaust fan was observed in the classroom.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with the owner to please monitor the playground area for resilient surface cracking and adding resilient surface. The owner stated they have a contractors currently working on the playground area, consultant observed contractors present at the facility.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2024

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)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2024

Corrected on 7/11/2024

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed fire drill log up-to-date.

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Director provided four staff files for employees hired since last visit conducted on February 8, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2024

Corrected on 7/11/2024

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive records check on this date.

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
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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