



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/11/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:05 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-905

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Same

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.
04/11/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/27/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/21/2023	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	Front Right Middle	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room B - Back Left - GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room C - Back Right - GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room D - Left Middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room E - Far Left Front	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room F - Front Middle Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 76					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front left	29	C
Main	Middle	83	C
Main	Right	62	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation site visit and follow up on previous citations.

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.decga.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@decga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Delceda Neasman, Program Official

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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: 3/27/2024

Corrected on 4/11/2024

.12(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All puzzles and blocks were observed to be clean and in good repair.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2024

Corrected on 4/11/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no visible hazards accessible to children within the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2024

Corrected on 4/11/2024

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There was no chipped paint observed and the ceiling tiles were being repaired at the time of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2024

Corrected on 4/11/2024

.25(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no unlocked storage closets or cabinets accessible to the children.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2024

Corrected on 4/11/2024

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no gaps observed at the bottom of the fence.

Defer

591-1-1-.26(6)-The contractor was on site to repair the items on the playground at the time of the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the Middle Playground did not have the required amount of resilient surface within the fall zones. The resilient surface was as follows:

--Double yellow slide contained one inch of resilient surface on the left side and four inches on the right side, when six inches is required.

--Spiral slide contained four inches of resilient surface, when six inches is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2024

Recited on 4/11/2024

Defer

591-1-1-.26(9)-The contractor was on site to repair the items on the playground at the time of the visit.

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: 4/26/2024

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.36(4)(b)-Per the provider, the vehicle is not being used to transport children at this time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-The provider will ensure that all staff have their required 10 hours of annual training by December 2024.

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: 12/31/2024