



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/5/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-50461

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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.
11/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/21/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/27/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Support	

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-1R-6wks-12 mths	Infants	3	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B/2R- 1's	One Year Olds	4	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside,Free Play,Diapering
Main	C/3R- 3's	Two Year Olds	3	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D/4R- 3's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E/Middle - After School	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	53	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F/1L- 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G/2L - GA Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H/3L - GA Pre-K	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	I - 3's	GA PreK	1	11	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J - 4's	GA PreK	1	11	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 250			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 147		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 250			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A/FL- 2's	17	C
Main	Playground B/BL- 3 and up	69	C

Main	Playground C/RR- 3 and up	96	C
Main	Playground D/FR- 6wks- 2's	12	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
14	22	37	37	56	4	38

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Children and staff files, emergency drills, emergency response plan, transportation records and other required documents were available for the consultant to review on this date.

An exit conference discussing the licensing study report was conducted with the director on this date. An email with the licensing study report was sent to the director requesting signature on this date.

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/RuleAndRegulations.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained on this date.

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

591-1-1.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed in Classroom B and staff stated proper diapering procedures in Classroom A.

591-1-1.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands throughout the center.

591-1-1.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills and the program's emergency plan.

591-1-1.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

In addition, consultant observed positive redirection and discussion between center staff and the children.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. The director reported that vehicles with tag numbers RQP0005 and RVF2357 were not in use at this time. Vehicles with tag numbers RQP0004, EU7228 and RVF2359 were being used to transport children on this date. An inspection had been completed on these vehicles on January 3, 2024.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Also discussed with staff the washing of sheets and disinfecting of cots used by the children.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Staff members #17 and #47 were missing from roster, but provider had completed the portability request for #17 on May 22, 2024 and #47 on October 2, 2024.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of required ten hours of annual staff training for the year 2023.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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 on this date.

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

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