



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/16/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:20 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-54900
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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.
07/16/2024	Licensing Study	Deficient	
09/26/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/29/2022	Licensing Study	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	One Year Olds	1	2	C	5	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B: Ones & Twos		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C: 3s/4s & Afterschool		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	Front Classroom	Infants and One Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	5	NC	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			37		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 7			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	24	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 07/30/2024

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 user id 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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.12(1) - Correction of previous citation in that children sitting in high chairs were properly strapped according to the manufacturer's instructions on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(3) - Please ensure that the opened box containing the unassembled kitchen for the Dramatic Play Area in classroom Main C: 3s/4s & Afterschool is taken out of the classroom until it can be assembled.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following equipment and furniture hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Main A: Infants

- A developmental walker was stacked on top of the infant stroller which caused a potential falling hazard.

Main B: Ones & Twos

- The wooden toy organizer rack had plastic bins stored on top of each other located on the top tier which caused a potential falling hazard.

Main C: 3s/4s & Afterschool

- A leaning and broken wooden kitchen set was located to the right of the stairs which caused a potential tipping hazard.
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Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.08(1) - Correction of previous citation in that children's records were maintained on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.06(7) - Correction of previous citation in that the children's hallway bathrooms were clean and in working order on this date.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based upon observation that the flooring inside the boys hallway bathroom past the threshold and under the window had loose floor boards on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2024

Recited on 7/16/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Main B: Ones & Twos

- A bottle of hand sanitizer was located on the classroom hand washing sink.
- A bottle of Multi-Purpose Adhesive and a pack of AAA batteries were located in a storage bin to the left of the classroom hand washing sink.

Main C: 3s/4s & Afterschool

- Three bottles of hand sanitizer, one spray bottle of an unknown substance, and one packet of baby wipes that read keep out of reach of children were located to the left of the stairs.
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Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024

Recited on 7/16/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that there were two dead cockroaches located in classroom Main C: 3s/4s & Afterschool. It was further determined that there were rodent droppings located inside the pantry on shelving within the kitchen on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure that parents initial their child's Infant Feeding Plan.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024**Correction Deadline: 9/27/2023****Corrected on 7/16/2024****.15(3) - Correction of previous citation in that infant bottles were labeled as required by the Department on this date.****591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(4) - The Consultant and the Director discussed placing a covering over the kitchen light source on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024**Correction Deadline: 10/6/2023****Corrected on 7/16/2024****.18(8) - Correction of previous citation in that containers of food were stored above the floor on this date.****Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/26/2023****Corrected on 7/16/2024****.07(5) - Correction of previous citation in that children did not have hazardous items attached to their clothing or placed around their necks on this date.****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/26/2023****Corrected on 7/16/2024****.10(5) - Correction of previous citation in that infants and children were attended to by a Staff member during diaper changes on this date.****591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2023**Corrected on 7/16/2024****.17(8) - Correction of previous citation in that Staff members washed their hands with warm running water and liquid hand soap on this date.****591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.20(1) - The Consultant and the Director discussed what an complete medical authorization form must contain on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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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/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher. The Consultant and the Director discussed placing a first aid kit on the vehicle on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.36(6) - Correction of previous citation in that children's transportation files reviewed had complete written authorization information on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) - The Consultant and the Director discussed ensuring that drivers document pick-up location and delivery location on School Transportation Forms.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that five out of five cribs had loose fitting sheets on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024

Recited on 7/16/2024

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.

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

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based upon a review of records that Staff #4 did not have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage as required by the Department on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2024

Recited on 7/16/2024

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based upon observation that Staff #1, #4, and #5 did not have ten hours of diverse annual training for 2023 as required by the Department on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Recited on 7/16/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based upon a review of records that the Center did not have a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each group of children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that children younger than three-years-old were housed with children older than three-years-old in classroom Main: Front Room, at the time other than the first and last hour of operation.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2024

Recited on 7/16/2024

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.32(7) - Correction of previous citation in that supervision requirements were met on this date.