



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/29/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-35355

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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.
05/29/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/12/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/18/2023	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
Ft. Hall Jonah's	2-1st Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Ft. Hall Jonah's	3-1st Left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Ft. Hall Jonah's Way	1-1st left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Ft. Hall Jonah's Way	4-2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Ft. Hall Jonah's Way	5-2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Art
Ft. Hall Jonah's Way	6-3rd right	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	31	C	NA	NA	Art
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 70		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
New Wing	10-2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
New Wing	11-3Rd Left	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
New Wing	12-3Rd Right	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play

New Wing	13-4th Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
New Wing	14-4th Right	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
New Wing	7-1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
New Wing	8-1st Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
New Wing	9-2nd Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 127					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Second Wing Upstairs	201		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Second Wing Upstairs	203		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Second Wing Upstairs	204		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 39					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 113			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 262			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

A licensing study was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/29/2024

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.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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the Center kept current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children as required. Additionally, please ensure all items stored on the top shelves in children's bathroom's are stored properly.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the vent in classroom number six was not working in the children's bathroom. Additionally, the bathroom door in classroom eight was not on track.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that playgrounds are protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure all tri-cycles are free of rust and chipped paint and helmets are purchased if required by the manufacture.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the asphalt that lead to the entry of the playgroud areas are level to the ground to prevent it being a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Technical Assistance

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines. Consultant discussed the menu pineapple chunks, strawberries, and cheese sticks to ensure all foods are served appropriate with the ages of children in care. The director reported that the foods are purchased for lunch; however, morning and afternoon snacks were served by the center.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

591-1-1-17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-20 Medications(CR)	Met
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Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-27 Posted Notices	Met
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Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-29 Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises on this date.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on staff and director's statement and physician's notes, two infants in care were allowed to sleep in swings instead of safety approved cribs. The doctor's notes did not specify a time frame and how the infant should be placed in the sleeping position.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance. The director will contact the Department's coordinator and/or manager for approval of two doctor's notes for infant's which stated the two infants could sleep in a swing, not approved by the Department. The director will obtain approval by COB: May 30, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation cot sheets and sleeping covers were not stored properly as they were observed to be touching each other.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR of staff employed more than 90 days. First Aid Kit was complete on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5) - Consultant and Directors discussed ensuring all staff complete the ten hours of annual training for each year.

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2024