



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/20/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:15 AM Departure: 11:45 AM

CCLC-62418

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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.
11/20/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/20/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/20/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	B: Left: Infants-One Years	Infants	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	C:2L- Older Ones	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Free Play
Main	D: Mddle Two year olds	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	F: Three year olds	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	28	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	G: Four Year Olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H-Montessori		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-Fours and Fives	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	J-After School Six years -Thirteen years	GA PreK	2	20	C	47	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 178					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 67		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 178			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	118	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	11	25	24	8	20	20

Comments

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

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.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!



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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

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

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. There is no pool on property.

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 routinely met by center.

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1.25(3) - Please repair paint chipping on the left side of the wall next to the bathroom in Classroom F and the paint chipping on the wall by the right side of the bathroom in Classroom I.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2024

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Please ensure to place a thermometer in the kitchen refrigerator and freezer.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1.20 Medications(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

Consultant 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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Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024

Corrected on 11/20/2024

.29(3) - Correction of the previous citation in that the director stated the proper procedures for reporting incident to the Department within twenty-four hours.

Safety

591-1-1.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/20/2024

Corrected on 11/20/2024

.11(2) - Correction of the previous citation in that director stated staff has undergone training regarding discipline. Director stated that positive re-direction is used at the center for the discipline policy procedures.

591-1-1.13 Field Trips(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for vehicle tag #RPX337 and vehicle tag #RNX7128 used in transporting children on this date.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

Vehicle tag #RPX337 and vehicle tag #RNX7128 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****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with staff on this date.

Staff Records

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

Director provided thirteen files for employees hired since last visit on March 20, 2024.

Comment

Satisfactory comprehensive criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all staff on this date.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024

Corrected on 11/20/2024

.32(7) - Consultant observed staff to provide adequate supervision on this date and director stated that staff members received training on supervision since the incident date.