



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/20/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:35 AM

Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-39613

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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.
12/20/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/24/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
			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.

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	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B - 2R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	C - 3R	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	27	C	Centers
Main	D - 4R	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	25	C	35	C	Centers
Main	E - 4L	Four Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F -3L	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G - 2L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 120					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120		Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 50			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 120		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120		Building @25 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - 1R	14	C
Main	B - 2R	33	C
Main	C - Rear	107	C
Main	D - 2L	41	C
Main	E - 1L	21	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up on the previous visit on August 24, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/20/2023

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!

Karmyla Story, Program Official	Date
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Candace Gilbert, Child Care Services Manager	Date
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Codi Parham, Training & Communications Unit Consultant	Date
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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06 - The consultant discussed with provider to repair one toilet broken, marked not in use in classroom E-4L and a missing ceiling tile in the bathroom in classroom C-3R.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be 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. It was determined based on observation that several areas of fencing were in need of repair.

Playground A-1R had two missing fence post caps and rust on the swing chains.

Playground C-Rear had a missing top bar on the back right side and a gap at the post exceeding 3 inches, and a missing fence post cap.

The C-Rear playground had a broken slide and steps on the playset.

The C-Rear playground had a gap in the fencing on the front left side near the tree and a missing fence post cap.

The gate between the C-Rear playground and D-2L playground had rust beginning to form.

Playground D-2L had rust on the swing chains and a missing top rail surrounding the Air Conditioning Unit.

The gate between the D-2L and E-1L has a gap at the bottom to be reattached.

Playground E1L had chipped paint on the swing set structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(7) - The C-Rear playground had a water play area with exposed screws. The water play area is not in use at this time. The consultant discussed with provider to cover screws to reduce the risk of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2023**Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024****Corrected on 12/20/2023**

.26(8) - The provider submitted documents to verify resilient surfacing measurements. Documents have been uploaded to the documents on KOALA and must also remain on file at the program for future regulatory visits.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - The provider must retain all documentation regarding resilient surfacing on file at the program for future regulatory visits.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed. Yellow bus "Twinkie" License Tag: RFH 6446 was on site but reported not in use on this date. Large bus "Bertha" License Tag: WE999 was not on site on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that two child booster seats on the white van License Tag # RBV3236 were past the expiration date at this time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that employee four (#4) had a background check that expired on September 2023, and employee twenty (#20) had a background check that expired on July 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review documents to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will have a system in place to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2023

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

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 12/20/2023

.14(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as CPR and first aid was up to date.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2022

Corrected on 12/20/2023

.33(3) - The citation was observed corrected as all training components were met on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022

Corrected on 12/20/2023

.33(5) - This citation was observed corrected on this date as trainings were current and documentation was organized.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Comment

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