



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/6/2024 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 7:35 AM Departure: 12:05 PM

CCLC-46298

The Children's Courtyard #3215

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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.
08/06/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/22/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/26/2024	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	1L		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	
Main	1R	Infants	1	4	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	2L	Three Year Olds	1	1	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2R	One Year Olds	1	4	C	27	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	3L		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	3R		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	4L Pre-K		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	4R	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play
Main	5L	GA PreK	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	BK End		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 220					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220					
Total # Children this Date: 35					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 220					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant PG	27	C
Main	Preschool PG	52	C
Main	School-Age PG	57	C
Main	Toddler PG	55	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit. Staff files and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/06/2024

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.al.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 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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with director adding equipment and toys that promote children's development by ensuring that they have access to a variety of appropriate toys and play materials.

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

N/A

Comment

Per director the center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the shared boys restroom between classroom 1L and 2L, and the shared restroom between 3L and 4L vents were inoperable on this date. It was also observed that a urine odor was present in the shared restroom between classroom 3L and 4L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2024

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Classroom 2L - A toilet brush was stored by the toilet in both the first and second restroom located on the front-right side of the classroom.

- Classroom 5L - A plunger and a toilet brush were sitting next to the toilet inside the girls restroom located on the rear right corner of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the climbing equipment on the School-age playground was not adequately maintained as three and a half inches of resilient surface was observed where six inches are required. It was also observed that the climbing equipment on the Preschool playground was not adequately maintained as one half inches of resilient surface was observed where six inches are required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., bees, ants, etc.).
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Tree branches and vines hanging or protruding through the fencing areas
- Trash and/or debris in or surrounding the playground area
- Unsecured hazards (i.e., water hose, broom. etc.)

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

Met

Comment

Consultant observed diapering on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - Consultant discussed with staff to please ensure that staff members immediately wash their hands and children's hands upon completing the diapering procedures

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2024

Corrected on 8/6/2024

.20(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Director stated the center does not currently dispense medication, center last dispensed medication on March 5, 2024.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.13(6) requires Center Staff to have emergency medical information on each child who goes on a field trip that includes allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications required to be taken on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and phone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility the Center uses in the area where the Center is located, and the telephone numbers where the parent can be reached. The emergency medical information shall be left at the Center as well as taken on the trip in the possession of the adult in charge of the trip. It was determined based on a review of records that eight of eleven children did not have emergency medical information on file for a field trip conducted on June 25, 2024 to Georgia Aquarium

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will review emergency medical information for each child who goes on a field trip and obtain any missing information. The Center will ensure that this information is in the possession of both the Center and the required adult on the trip.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2024**Recited on 8/6/2024****591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) - Please ensure a first aid kit is available to each bus use to transport children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(6) - Please ensure that all transportation agreements are obtained on file before transporting children

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Consultant observed cribs/cots labeled for individual use.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - Consultant discussed to please ensure to monitor mattresses for rips, tears and/or exposed foam.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024**Staff Records****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit conducted on May 22, 2024. Consultant observed four out of four new hires to have a comprehensive satisfactory records check electronically on file.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Consultant discussed with director to ensure staff provide active supervision at all times.