



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/22/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:20 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-1725

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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.
09/22/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/14/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/13/2022	POI 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	Room A - Front	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	32	C	32	C	Nap
Main	Room B - 1st Left	GA PreK	2	17	C	27	C	27	C	Nap
Main	Room C - 2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D - Middle	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Nap
Main	Room E - 2nd Right	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room F - 3rd Right		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room G - Middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 131					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131					
Total # Children this Date: 65					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side - Preschool	46	C
Main	Middle - Under 3	42	C
Main	Right Side - School Age	100	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

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 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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Natalie Williams, Program Official

Date

Neli Todorova, Regional Consultant

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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

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please ensure that the mulch in the fall zones of the regular and tire swings is at least six (6) inches deep.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1.17 Hygiene(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1.17(7) - Please ensure that the children's hands in the Infant room are washed after diapering.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2023

591-1-1.20 Medications(CR)	Met
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Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

	Organization
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591-1-1.16 Governing Body & License	Met
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Comment

591-1-1.16(f) - Rooms E and F had been combined in 2012 and an Amendment was completed, but Koala is still showing them as two rooms. The Director will submit an Application for an Amendment from their Decal koala account.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2023

	Safety
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591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

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

591-1-1.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

	Staff Records
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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.

Comment

Director provided nine file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.