



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/17/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-30889

Easter Seals Child Development Center in Jackson

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Same

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.
07/17/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/07/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/03/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	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	Classroom A		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Classroom B		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Classroom C		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	Classroom D		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Classroom E		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Classroom F		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Classroom G		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 0					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Back	116	C
Main	PG Right	17	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on September 7, 2024.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 user id 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.state.ga.us 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

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

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

The center was having a teacher work day. No children were present at the time of the visit.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.25(13) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that staff store all hazardous items inaccessible to children, including, but not limited to
adult office supplies, such as white out, scissors, permanent markers
-cleaning tools, such as mops, brooms, plungers
-hygiene supplies, such as wipes, hand sanitizer
-tripping or entanglement hazards such as loose cords

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.25(3) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the loose baseboard in classroom A is repaired.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Corrected on 7/17/2024

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed complete fire drills since the last visit September 7, 2023.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment

The center was closed for a staff work day. Consultant discussed required reporting with the director.

Safety

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

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Staff stated knowledge of appropriate disciplinary procedures.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Center does not provide care for infants.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit September 7, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023

Corrected on 7/17/2024

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed all staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive records check determination letter on file.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2023

Corrected on 7/17/2024

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed current certification in first aid and CPR for all staff hired more than 90 days.

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

There were no children present on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.