



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/13/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

CCLC-23803

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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.
02/13/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/27/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/25/2023	Complaint 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
Building 1	101 1st lft	One Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	102 A front	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Building 1	102 B back		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	103	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Building 1	104 4th lft	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	105 A front		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	105 B back	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Building 1	106 A front		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	106 B back	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Music
Building 1	107 A front	Infants	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Nap
Building 1	107 B back	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Nap
Building 1	108 1st rt.		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	113 upstairs rt		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	114 upstairs back	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 241			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building 2	116 1st rt	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers

Building 2	117 2nd rt	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 2	118 3rd rt	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 123					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	A front	24	C
Building 1	B back lft	43	C
Building 1	C rt	181	C
Building 2	D back	200	C

Comments

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

Children and staff files, staff training, emergency drills and other required documentation was reviewed by the consultant on this date.

No citations were observed on this date.

An exit conference discussing the licensing study report was conducted with the director on this date. Consultant emailed a signed copy of the licensing study report to the director on this date.

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/Regulations.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!

Amy Hopper, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Met**

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Breakfast: Cereal, Juice and Milk

Lunch: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Peas Mixed Fruit and Milk

Snack: Chocolate Chip Cookies and Juice or Water

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed in Classroom 102 A and 107 A.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2023

Corrected on 2/13/2024

.17(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Children were observed to be changed and kept clean, dry and comfortable 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**

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

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

Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. Positive discussion and redirection was observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Documentation observed of required ten hours of annual staff training for 2023.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/27/2023**

Corrected on 2/13/2024

.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed attentive staff to the needs of the children on this date.