



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/28/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-37385

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Same

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.
05/28/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/04/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/21/2023	Monitoring Visit	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
Bld 1	Garden		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bld 1	Honeycomb		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bld 1	Rosemary		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bld 1	Tadpoles		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bld 1	Terrance		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bld 1	Willow		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg II	Butterflies		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg II	Caterpillars		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg II	Lilacs		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg II	Sprouts		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg II	Sunflowers		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg II	Upper- Magnolia		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 122			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 272			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld 1	garden	20	C
Bld 1	large	241	C
Bldg II	small	227	C

Comments

Visit completed. There were no children present on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/28/2024

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2023

Corrected on 5/28/2024

.03(1) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed individualized lesson plans for children enrolled.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of records that the work address for the parent was not documented in one of five records reviewed. It was further determined that the contact information of the of the child's primary source of health care was not documented in two of five records reviewed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.06(4)-The Garden room was not in use on this date. This rule will be evaluated during the next regulatory visit.

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: 12/29/2023

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children present on this date.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 5/28/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 5/28/2024

.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the fence had been repaired.

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

There were no children present in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

Comment

There were no children present on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(1)(q) Safe sleep documentation procedures were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2024

Safety

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

Comment

There were no children present on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. .

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

There were no children present on this date.

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-.33 Staff Training **Technical Assistance**

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5) - Staff training requirements were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2024

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.