



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/21/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:50 AM

Departure: 1:10 PM

CCLC-935

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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.
12/21/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/24/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/10/2023	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	1L	Infants	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	1R	Six Year Olds and Over	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Free Play
Building 1	2L	One Year Olds	5	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	2R		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	3L	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 1	3R		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	4L	Four Year Olds	4	4	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Building 1	Back R	Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building 2	PreK B		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	PreK C		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	PG A	0	C
Building 1	PG B	0	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct monitoring visit. Staff file, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/21/2023

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!

Renae Johnson, Program Official

Date

Amanda Schofield, 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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure equipment and furniture is secured to prevent tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2023

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The director stated the center provide swimming activities in the Summer.

Facility

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:

- 1L -Two humidifiers/air purifiers were accessible to children located in the front right of the classroom.

Infant- 2L - Clorox spray, Lysol spray, and several packets of wipes stored in Changing table located in the rear left of the class.

3L- There was a black purse stored in cubby located in middle rear of the class, the second and sixth cubby door had chipped knobs. There was also Skin Off mosquito spray and Banana Boat Kids Sport Sunscreen stored in a child's cubby located in the rear of the class. There is hole in the lower part of the wall, located in the first restrooms on the left.

4L- There were two plastic bags stored in the middle cabinet of the handwashing sink located in the far right rear of the classroom,. There was a loose vent above the toilet in the second right rear restroom. There was a broom, dust pan, and toilet brush stored in the second restroom located in the rear right restroom and toilet brush and two packets of Parent Choices wipes stored on the back of the toilet in the first restroom on the right.

Back R- There was a vacuum stored in the right side of the classroom and two teachers backpack stored in an unlocked cabinet on the right side of the classroom.

All items read "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN"

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. Teachers immediately removed items.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

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

- Exposed tree roots.
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint,etc.).
- Please ensure to place mats flat to prevent trips and falls.
- Please monitor swings for open/deformed "S" or "C" hooks, rings, links, etc.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2023

Corrected on 12/21/2023

.21(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed center to have acknowledgement page and Facts sheet for a review of Policies and Procedures.

Safety

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure all staff are be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Director stated that the center does not participate in field trips.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36 - Please ensure to list correct vehicles used to transport children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36 - The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure any person or persons who are assigned to bus duties obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children.

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

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

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.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.