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Cover Sheet

Date: 12/19/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 12:45 PM

CCLC-50426

Bright Start Preschool #1

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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.
12/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/16/2021	Licensing Study	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 2-rm 8 infant- 1 yr	Rm 1 - 1's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bld 2-rm 8 infant- 1 yr	Rm 2 older infants and 1's	Infants	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art
Bld 2-rm 8 infant- 1 yr	Rm 3 - infants		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220							
Main	Rm 1	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Rm 2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	14	C	20	C	Circle Time
Main	Rm 3		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	
Main	Rm 4		0	0	C	24	C	33	C	
Main	Rm 5	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm 6	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm 7 afterschool room		0	0	C	33	C	46	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 143			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 156							
Total # Children this Date: 71			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 184			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld 2-rm 8 infant-1 yr	playground 3	16	C
Main	Playground A	65	C
Main	Playground B	18	C

Comments

Licensing Study

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/19/2022

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



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!

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)

Shelbra McKnight, Program Official

Date

Lisa Pitts, Consultant

Date



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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

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

Corrected on 12/19/2022

.12(2) - Previous citations corrected. All hazardous items had been removed.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

Corrected on 12/19/2022

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected. No hazardous items were accessible on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant and Director discussed chipped paint on the equipment on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2022

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 30

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/31/2022	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2022	

Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/18/2020	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2011	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2016	
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2011	
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 01/24/2020	
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2022	
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2011	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 01/29/2018	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2016	
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met

Records Reviewed: 30

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 01/10/2018

Staff # 27 Met

Staff # 28 Met

Staff # 29 Met

Staff # 30 Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2013

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31 - The Consultant and Director discussed lead teacher requirements for each operating class on this date.

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.