



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/6/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 3:35 PM

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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.
01/06/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/14/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
08/02/2023	Incident 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
Main	A- First Right	Infants	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
Main	B 2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C 3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering
Main	D 4th Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E - 5th Right	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	F- Right hall 1st Left	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	G- Right Hall 2nd Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H - 1st Left	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I - 2nd Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J- Gym	Three Year Olds	3	4	C	0	NC	NA	NA	
Main	K- Afterschool		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 119		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A Right Side	39	C
Main	Playground B Back	67	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted August 2, 2023.

Consultant provided a copy of the two-year-old permission form with the Center Directors on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/06/2024

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.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!

Erica Galloway, Program Official

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

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

Comment

Consultant observed equipment and furniture to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Comment

Consultant observed parent authorizations that were obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed records to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

Ensure to have and use a plan to track immunization forms for all enrolled children and to ensure the form or affidavit are obtained from the parent or guardian within 30 days of enrollment. Inform parents that their child cannot remain enrolled in the center without this documentation.

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2024

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies throughout the day.

Technical Assistance

Ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and monitor throughout the day.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024

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

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be routinely met by center.

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

Consultant observed the center to appear clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children like cords to tablets and electronic whiteboards.

Technical Assistance

Ensure protective caps are on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Consultant observed the playground to be clean and in good repair.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that one bicycle was missing the left foot pedal and another bicycle was missing both foot pedals that children were riding on outside on Playground B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2024

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Consultant observed the kitchen to appear clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Not Met
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Comment

Consultant observed staff to remind children to wash hands in the older classrooms.

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation in Classroom C-3rd right, a staff member did not wash a one-year-old child hands after changing their diaper.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024

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

Consultant observed documentation for medication dispensing to be complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

Consultant observed program complete emergency drills. The last fire drill was conducted December 22, 2023.

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

Consultant observed all required posted notices.

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

Consultant discussed reporting requirements with the provider on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Consultant observed age-appropriate discussion and redirection in Classroom E-5th right.

Comment

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Per the director, the center has not provided routine transportation since August of 2022.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Please ensure that cribs and cots are labeled for individual use.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with staff and the directors on this date.

Staff Records

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

Consultant observed criminal record checks to be complete for all staff.

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

Director provided 11 files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Consultant observed documentation of required staff training.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant discussed with the provider that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Not Met
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Comment

Consultant discussed combining children of mixed ages with the provider on this date. A copy of the parental agreement form was left with the provider on this date.

Comment

Consultant observed the center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) allows children who turn three years old during the regular school year to remain with two-year-olds for the remainder of the school year but requires agreement from the older child's Parent(s) for the continued placement. It was determined based on observation that Classroom I- 2nd Left had two's mixed with three's without a signed parental agreement form.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure parental permission and keep it on file.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2024

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2023

Corrected on 1/8/2024

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed proper supervision throughout the center on this date.