



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/29/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-889

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
08/29/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
05/18/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/05/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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	1st Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	15	NC	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	1st Right	Infants	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	17	C	16	NC	NA	NA	Music,Free Play
Main	Back Left	GA PreK	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Back Right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 78			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	74	C
Main	Back Playground	74	C
Main	Right Front Playground	16	C

Comments

The consultant conducted an onsite monitoring visit on August 29, 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.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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Gloria Johnson, Program Official

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(1) - Please ensure that equipment is used in a safe manner.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(5) - Please ensure to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that there were seventeen children in the 2nd Right classroom when the licensed capacity required sixteen.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that there were cracked floor tiles in the kitchen around the drain and under the sink.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Recited on 8/29/2023

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 the following hazards were observed:

1st Left:

- There was an unlocked cabinet under the sink that contained two boxes of vinyl gloves.
- There were plastic storage bags in the cubby storage.

1st Right:

- There was an unlocked cabinet with a can of Lysol and plastic storage bags.

Middle:

- There was a bucket that contained packs of wipes and gloves on the bathroom floor.

Back Right:

- There was a pair of adult scissors on a child size shelf near the cubby storage.
- There was a charger cord hanging from the back wall accessible to the children.

2nd Right:

- There was a bucket that contained baby wipes on the diaper changing table.
 - There was cleaning spray on top of the dividing wall next to the gate door accessible to the children.
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Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Recited on 8/29/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the back wall of the Back Right classroom had peeling paint.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Recited on 8/29/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that the playground fence is in good condition and does not pose a hazard to the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that there are no thorny vines on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

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)

Not Met

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that staff did not wash hands when re-entering the childcare area and before feeding children.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.11(2) requires that Personnel not: physically or sexually abuse a child or engage or permit others to engage in sexually overt conduct in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center; inflict corporal/physical punishment upon a child; shake, jerk, pinch or handle a child roughly; verbally abuse or humiliate a child which includes, but is not limited to, the use of threats, profanity or belittling remarks about a child or his family; isolate a child in a dark room, closet or unsupervised area; use mechanical or physical restraints or devices to discipline children; use medication to discipline or control children's behavior without written medical authorization issued by a licensed professional and given with the parent's written consent; restrict unreasonably a child from going to the bathroom; punish toileting accidents; force-feed a child or withhold feeding a child regularly scheduled meals and/or snacks; force or withhold naps; allow children to discipline or humiliate other children; or confine a child for disciplinary purposes to a swing, highchair, infant carrier, walker or jump seat. It was determined based on observation that center staff used inappropriate discipline when they were observed to tell children to shut their mouths and threaten to tell their parents.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2023

Corrected on 8/29/2023

.36(6) - This citation was corrected on this date. All transportation authorizations were observed for all children being transported by the center.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2023

Corrected on 8/29/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - This citation was corrected on this date. Transportation documents were observed to be complete with load and unload indicators on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined after a review of documents that the following first checks were not indicated on the transportation checklist:

- Six children that were transported on the afternoon route from Hightower Elementary on August 23, 2023.
- Three children that were transported from C.J. Hicks Elementary on the afternoon route on August 23, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Recited on 8/29/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined after a review of documents that the following second checks were not indicated on the transportation checklist:

- One child that was transported on the morning route from the center to Peeks Chapel Elementary on August 18, 2023.
- Two children that were transported on the afternoon route from Peeks Chapel Elementary on August 25, 2023.
- Three children that were transported on the afternoon route from C.J. Hicks Elementary on August 23, 2023.
- Six children that were transported on the afternoon route from Hightower Elementary on August 23, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Recited on 8/29/2023

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-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

Corrected on 8/29/2023

.14(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. CPR/First Aid was observed for newly hired center staff.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2023

Corrected on 8/29/2023

.33(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. The staff member was no longer employed at the center.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that the staff:child ratio was 1:15 when there were five children who were two-years-old and ten children who were three-years-old which required a staff:child ratio of 2:15.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Please ensure that center staff are actively supervising children during all activities and meals.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023