



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/17/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-53587

Growing Gardens Learning Center

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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.
07/17/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/06/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/01/2024	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
Main	Room A	Infants	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Room F	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	27	C	NA	NA	Lunch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 61

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	15	C
Main	Playground B	65	C

Comments

Licensing study completed on July 17, 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.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!



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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

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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 classrooms had hazards accessible to children in care.

C- diaper cream, baby wipes, diapers in plastic bags and sunscreen were stored in low cubbies.

E- sunscreen and baby wipes were in low cubbies.

F- a teacher's purse and sunscreen were in children's book bags in cubbies. Adult scissors and first aid items were on a shelf to the right of the door.

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.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26(6) - Please continue to monitor the green, yellow and purple metal climbing equipment to ensure the steps don't have rust exposed where the coating is worn off.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please continue to monitor resilient surfacing to ensure all the fall zones have the required amount of resilient surfacing.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2024

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

Met

Comment

Infant feeding forms were updated regularly.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2024

Corrected on 7/17/2024

.15(1) - Correction observed on this date. Sweet snacks were served no more than twice per week.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2024

Corrected on 7/17/2024

.15(5) - Correction observed on this date. Specific fruits and vegetables were listed on the current menu.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b) requires that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two (2) years who can climb out of a crib. It was determined based on observation that in classroom F twelve children did not have mats or cots and slept in the floor with blankets.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two years who can climb out of a crib.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024**Staff Records****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 10 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(3) - Consultant reviewed with the director the items needed in first aid kits as follows: requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2024**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
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.