



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/23/2024 VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 4:35 PM Departure: 5:35 PM

CCLC-39572
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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.
05/23/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/22/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/24/2023	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
Main	Room A		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	32	C	44	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room C	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room D	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	647	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow-up to previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

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 user id 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.state.ga.us 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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Coordinator did not observed this on this date. Another consultant conducted a Licensing study visit on this date.

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

Coordinator did not observed this on this date. Another consultant conducted a Licensing study visit on this date.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Defer

Defer

591-1-1.26(4)-This rule will check on next visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2024

Defer

591-1-1.26(9)- This rule will check on next visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Health and Hygiene

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.10(4)-This rule will check on next visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2024

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

Coordinator did not observed this on this date. Another consultant conducted a Licensing study visit on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Coordinator did not observed this on this date. Another consultant conducted a Licensing study visit on this date.

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.36(4)(b)-The rule will be checked on next visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Coordinator did not observed this on this date. Another consultant conducted a Licensing study visit on this date.

Staff Records

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.09(1)(a)-Coordinator did not observed this on this date. Another consultant conducted a Licensing study visit on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will routinely review staff files and expiration dates to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will view the training videos, sign the affidavit, and return the signed affidavit to the Consultant to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2024

Defer

591-1-1-.09(1)(c)-Coordinator did not observed this on this date. Another consultant conducted a Licensing study visit on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will routinely review the staff records to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will view the training videos, sign the affidavit, and return the signed affidavit to the Consultant to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2024

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

This rule was checked by another consultant during licensing visit on the same date.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

Coordinator did not observed this on this date. Another consultant conducted a Licensing study visit on this date.

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

Coordinator did not observed this on this date. Another consultant conducted a Licensing study visit on this date.