



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/11/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:40 AM **Departure:** 4:25 PM

CCLC-47665
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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.
09/11/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/26/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/08/2023	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
Building 1	Front - Room A - Toddler 2	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 1	Rear - Room B - Infant - Toddler 1	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building 2	Room C - Preschool 3 - 4	GA PreK	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building 3	Room D - School Age	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Infant - Toddler	52	C
Building 2	Preschool - School-Age	34	C
Building 3	Playground 3 - SA	20	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	8	7	6	20	0	2

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete two Complaint Investigations and a Monitoring Visit. The Complaint Investigations were not closed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/11/2024

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.al.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.al.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the organizer drawer cart located in classroom Building 3 - Room D was repositioned so that it did not create a tipping hazard on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(6) - The Consultant discussed adding additional developmentally appropriate materials for the three-year-olds located in classroom Building 3 - Room D on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2024

Corrected on 9/11/2024

.08(1) - Correction of previous citation in that children's records reviewed were up to date and complete in its entirety as required by the Department on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(6) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that parents exit out of their vehicles, walk their child into their classroom, and sign their child in on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2024

Corrected on 9/11/2024

.08(7) - Correction of previous citation in that children's records reviewed were up to date and complete in its entirety as required by the Department on this date.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the toilet plunger located inside the boy's bathroom in classroom Building 2 - Room C remain inaccessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the lights inside the children's bathroom located in classroom Building 1 - Front - Room A - Toddler two have a covering on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the top electrical outlet located inside the girl's bathroom in classroom Building 2 - Room C had a safety cap on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that metal fencing ties used on the chain link fencing located on playground Building 2 - Preschool - School-Age are repositioned away from the children's side of the playground on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed repairing exposed rough wooden spots on the picnic tables located on playground Building 2 Preschool - School-Age on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2024

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2024

Corrected on 9/11/2024

.26(9) - Correction of previous citation in that the two pieces of exposed concrete at the bottom of the fence poles on the back right side of Playground Preschool - School Age were covered with resilient surfacing on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Met

Comment

Vehicle RUS 6437 and vehicle RSM 6576 had approved fire extinguishers and first aid kits on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2024

Corrected on 9/11/2024

.36(3)(a-b) - Correction of previous citation in that Staff #5 had up to date and completed Transportation training on file as required by the Department on this date.

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 based on a review of records that Center Staff failed to document second checks of the vehicle as required, in that the following was observed:

- On September 08, 2024, the afternoon route from Jenkins White Elementary School to TOTally Kids Childcare was not documented.
- On September 02, 2024 through September 06, 2024, the morning and afternoon routes for C.T. Walker Elementary School to TOTally Kids Childcare were not documented.
- On September 02, 2024 through September 06, 2024 the morning and afternoon routes for Wheelless Road Elementary School to TOTally Kids Childcare were not documented.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant discussed placing a large covering over cots that are accessible to children in classroom Building 3 - Room D on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

591-1-1-.32(2) - The Consultant discussed the Department's rules and regulations regarding ratios and mixed aged groups on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.