



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/25/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-53529

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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.
05/25/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
03/17/2023	Complaint Closure	Deficient	
03/13/2023	Complaint 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
Bldg I	A (1L) - 6wks- 12 mnths	Infants	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Bldg I	B- (2L) 3's & 4's	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg I	C- (3L) GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	26	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg I	D- (4L) GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	17	C	28	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg I	E- Gym/ 5-12 yrs		0	0	C	50	C	NA	NA	
Bldg I	F- 3 - 12 year	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg I	G- 3-12 years	Two Year Olds	3	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Music
Bldg I	H- (3R) 1 yr	One Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg I	I- (2R) 2 yrs	Four Year Olds	3	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Art
Bldg I	J- (1R) 1 yr old	One Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 195

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 126

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 195

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg I	Playground A- 6wks- 2 yrs	37	C
Bldg I	Playground B - 3 - 12 yrs	74	C

Comments

CI/FU completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/09/2023

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.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!

Adrianna Cate, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 5/25/2023

Correction of citation in that the director acknowledged and reported understanding of required reporting on this date. Required reporting has been updated in Koala.

Safety

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2023

Corrected on 5/25/2023

Correction of citation in that the director reported that checks were being completed and children have not been left alone or unattended on the center's vehicle since January 27, 2023.

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that on May 24, 2023, center staff did not account for children in care that entered and exited the vehicle during morning and afternoon transportation on the passenger checklist to and from Stockbridge Elementary School.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023

Recited on 5/25/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) 3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records the driver or other designated person did not document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time children departed from the center and from Stockbridge Elementary School during morning and afternoon transportation.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2023

Finding Associated with Complaint

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 based on a review of records that on May 24, 2023 a staff member did not complete the first check of the vehicle following routine morning and afternoon transportation to and from Stockbridge Elementary School.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023

Recited on 5/25/2023

Finding Associated with Complaint

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 on May 24, 2023, center staff did not complete a second check of the vehicle after morning and afternoon transportation to and from Stockbridge Elementary School.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023

Recited on 5/25/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 5/25/2023

Correction of citation in that the teachers involved with transportation were no longer employed. The other teachers completed approved BFTS training and an IEP meeting was held and followed by the center.