



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/4/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:50 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-50130

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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.
11/04/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/01/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
10/28/2024	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	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	A-1L-Infants & 1's	One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2L- 2's	Infants	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Floor Play
Main	C-3L Back- 3's &4's		0	0	C	37	C	52	C	Not In Use
Main	D-3R Back-3's, 4's & ASP	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	26	C	35	C	49	C	Lunch
Main	E- 2R-2's	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 130					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 58					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large	66	C
Main	Small	12	C

Comments

11-4-2024: The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow up the previous visit conducted on October 28, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/04/2024

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 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.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility	
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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 the cafeteria has a capacity of fourteen and housed a total of twenty-six children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2024

Recited on 11/4/2024

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

Defer

591-1-1-.25(3)- The cited rule violation was deferred until the next regulatory visit. The classroom 3R is currently not in use and the center needs more time to have the tiles repaired,.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2024

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) - Consultant spoke with center staff to ensure that infant children are transferred to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2024

Staff Records	
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Defer

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2.- Visit was conducted before the citation deadline.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2024

Staffing and Supervision	
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Correction Deadline: 10/28/2024

Corrected on 11/4/2024

.32(4) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed center staff ensure that children under three-years-old were housed in separate areas from older children.