



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/6/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-35616

Childcare Network #232

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Same

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.
05/06/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/29/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/24/2024	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	A-1L	Infants	3	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	B-2L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-3L		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-2R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	25	C	30	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	E-1R	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Second Level	F-Pre-K A	GA PreK	1	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Second Level	H-Pre-K B	GA PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art
Second Level	I-Afterschool	GA PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Second Level	J-Middle Right	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art
Second Level	K-Pre-K C	GA PreK	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 123			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground	98	C
Main	Left Playground	28	C
Main	Right Playground	56	C

Comments

050624: The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigative site visit and follow up on previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/06/2024

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.decgal.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Defer

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591-1-1.08(2)-The provider did not have the Health Immunization file book was at corporate headquarters and was not on site The provider will retrieve file book and have the book on site by May 10th, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will have and use a plan to track immunization forms for all enrolled children and to ensure the form or affidavit are obtained from the parent or guardian within 30 days of enrollment. Parents will be informed their child cannot remain enrolled in the center without this documentation.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023

Facility

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

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 hazards were observed accessible to children on this date in Classroom C-3L; the hazards were as follows

- A box of gloves was on a shelf.

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.This was a recite of the same hazard from the previous visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2024

Recited on 5/6/2024

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The hand washing sink in Classroom E-1R was not clogged and the water flowed freely down the drain.

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.26(6)-Unable to assess due to incimate weather.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Defer

591-1-1-.26(9)-Unable to assess due to incimate weather.

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.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2024

.17(8) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2023

Corrected on 5/6/2024

.20(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant did not observe any hazards in the jackets of the children or their cubby areas.