



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/5/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-1945

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Quality Rated: No

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.
02/05/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/16/2023	Incident Investigation 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
Main	A- Front Right	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Centers ,Floor Play
Main	B-Center Front	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers,Feeding ,Floor Play
Main	C-Left Front	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D Left Rear(PreK 1)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	26	C	37	C	52	C	Centers
Main	E-Center Rear	GA PreK	2	15	C	29	C	40	C	Outside
Main	F-Right Rear	GA PreK	2	15	C	25	C	35	C	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 139

Total # Children this Date: 91

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Center Riight Rear	59	C
Main	Playground B-Left Rear	37	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and a Complaint Investigation on this date.

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.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!

Ronda Mullins, Program Official	Date
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Jessica Grant, Child Care Services Manager	Date
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Marquita Brown-Opeloyeru, Regional Consultant	Date
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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed parent authorizations that were obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed records to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Consultant observed bathrooms to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be routinely met by the center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

Ensure protective caps are on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2024

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

Consultant observed playground to be clean and in good repair.

	Food Service
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591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed center menu to meet USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed the kitchen to appear clean and well organized.

	Health and Hygiene
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591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Staff stated hand washing procedures..

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

Consultant observed documentation for medication dispensing observed complete for three children.

	Policies and Procedures
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591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills. The last fire drill was conducted on January 5, 2024. The last tornado drill was conducted on January 9, 2024.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

Consultant discussed reporting requirements with the Center Director on this date.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Consultant observed age-appropriate discussion and redirection.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Not Evaluated
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

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

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

Director provided three staff files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed criminal records checks to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Consultant discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed staff to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.