



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/12/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:20 PM

Departure: 3:25 PM

CCLC-574

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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.
10/12/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/22/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/24/2022	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- 1st Left	Infants	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Nap
Main	B- 2nd Left	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C- 3rd Left	One Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- 4th Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E- Back Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F- Center Left	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G- Center Right	GA PreK	2	14	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H- 1st Right	GA PreK	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story, Transitioning
Main	I- 2nd Right	GA PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J- 3rd Right		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 211					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 101					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Infant/Toddler (Left)	27	C

Main	PG- Preschool/Afterschool (Back)	170	C
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on March 22, 2023.

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.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!

Kelly Cobb, Program Official

Date

Lynn Schnitzer, Regional Consultant

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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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that exhaust fans in the restrooms are functioning properly.

Correction Deadline: 11/11/2023

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023

Corrected on 10/12/2023

.25(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed unused electrical outlets to be covered.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Defer****Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023****Corrected on 10/12/2023**

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. consultant observed the fence to be in good repair and free from hazards.

Defer

591-1-1-.26(6)-The previous citation was deferred due to the replacement barrier blocks being back ordered.

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: 7/4/2022

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023****Corrected on 10/12/2023**

.20(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed center to have complete documentation of medication administered.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2023

Corrected on 10/12/2023

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation of completed transportation training for all staff responsible for transportation of children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that any tears in the vehicle seats are repaired..

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit March 22, 2023..

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

Met

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)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.