



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/18/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Departure: 4:10 PM

CCLC-54520

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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.
12/18/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/15/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/27/2023	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
Building A	Room A	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	2	C	39	C	55	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 39			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 127							
Building B	Room B (left)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building B	Room C (right)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Nap
Building B	Room D (Back)		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 28			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 127							
Building C	Room E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 21			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 127							
Building D	Room F		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 127							
Total # Children this Date: 27		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 127					

Comments

A Monitoring visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/18/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Jon'Elle Coleman, Program Official

Date

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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.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2023

Corrected on 12/18/2023

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The address of the authorized release person was documented on the three files reviewed on this date.

Facility

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)**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 bottle warmer with water inside was on top of a highchair tray and the cord was accessible to the mobile children in room C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The bottle warmer was moved to a higher shelf away from the children's area during the visit. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2023**Recited on 12/18/2023**

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 6/25/2023**Corrected on 12/18/2023**

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The center has fixed or removed the previously cited items.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on observation and discussion that the feeding plans were not available or posted in the classroom as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will make copies of the plans from the enrollment packet and ensure they are posted in the classroom. The center will have parents update the plans on a regular basis.

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2023**Recited on 12/18/2023**

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation and discussion that the sink near the changing table in room C was not working during this visit and the previous visit in June. The staff stated they wash their hands in the nearby restroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that a hand washing sink in diapering rooms are working properly and repaired in a timely manner if needed.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that there were tears in the diapering pad in room B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2023

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

The children were taking a nap during the visit. Staff stated proper hand washing procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.17(6) requires garbage and organic waste to be stored in containers that are lined with plastic liners and have tight-fitting covers. Trash and garbage shall be removed from the building daily or as often as necessary to maintain the premises in a clean condition. It was determined based on observation that in room B there no lid covering the trashcan in the diapering area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide the required containers and implement a plan to ensure that trash can had a lid as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2023

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The program does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have documentation of conducting emergency drills as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2024

Recited on 12/18/2023

Safety

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

Age-appropriate redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that there was a tear in the plastic on the side of one of crib mattress in room C. In addition, the mattress for one of the cribs was small and there was gap between the mattress and the railing on the side of the crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps. The center will replace the mattresses.

Correction Deadline: 12/22/2023**Correction Deadline: 6/15/2023****Corrected on 12/18/2023****.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.**

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/15/2023****Corrected on 12/18/2023****.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. CPR and first aid training was complete for required staff.**

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.24(1) requires the center to maintain a personnel file on the Director, all Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance, and other Support Staff for the duration of the term of employment plus one calendar year, and it shall contain the following: identifying information to include: name, date of birth, social security number, current address and current telephone number; employment history; as applicable to the position held: evidence of education and qualifying work experience; evidence of all training required by these rules which shall include: title of training, date of training, trainer's signature, location of training and number of clock hours obtained; a statement completed by the staff member that the information provided is true and accurate; any other records required by these rules; and as applicable to the position held, evidence of required orientation including date and signature of person providing the orientation. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have a personnel file for staff #13.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure required information for all Personnel. The Center will ensure that complete information is in the personnel file for all Directors, Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance and other Support Staff.

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.33(2) requires the initial Center orientation to include the following subjects: the Center's policies and procedures; the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; the Staff person's assigned duties and responsibilities; reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; emergency weather plans; the program's emergency preparedness plan; childhood injury control; the administration of medicine; reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); hand washing; fire safety; water safety; and prevention of HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens. It was determined based on a review of records that four staff did not have evidence of a center orientation on file

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide orientation in all missing subjects to the employee(s) and will take steps to provide a complete orientation to new Employees in the future.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2023

Recited on 12/18/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #12 who was hired in June 2022 did not have evidence of health and safety training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff will retake the training if they can not locate the documents. The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2024

Recited on 12/18/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records and discussion that the director did not have the required four hours of training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The director and any person with primary food responsibility will complete the food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2024

Recited on 12/18/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(iii) - Please ensure all required sections of the staff professional development plan are completed as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2023

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

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2023

Corrected on 12/18/2023

.32(7) - Observed adequate supervision.