



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/24/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-35528

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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.
05/24/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/11/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up	Support	
02/01/2024	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-infants-1 yr	Infants	3	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Floor Play
MAIN	B-1 & 2 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	
MAIN	C - Infants	One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
MAIN	D-PreK (4+)	Five Year Olds	1	18	C	29	C	NA	NA	Music
MAIN	E-3+	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 58		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
MAIN	A-Left	41	C
MAIN	B-Back	73	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Plan of Improvement Follow Up.

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!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Corrected on 5/24/2024

.08(1) - Children's record reviewed were observed to include the required information.

Evening Care

591-1-1.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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)**Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discussed with Director the following items:

1. The wooden platform directly behind the building needs to be repaired or removed due to the splintered plank which also has a nail protruding through the deteriorated wood.
2. Resilient material should be maintained at the base of the slide by redistributing the rubber mulch.
3. Please ensure that the portable fence separating the infant and toddler playground is kept stable enough that it cannot be pulled over by a child.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Director stated that the center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Corrected on 5/24/2024

.11(2) - Disciplinary actions were observed to be appropriate and a positive learning environment was observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2024

Corrected on 5/24/2024

.36(6) - Based on a review of transportation records, parental authorizations were completed as required.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that all emergency medical information was not listed for each child who was transported as follows:

1. The emergency medical forms for three children who were transported from J. L. Lomax Elementary School to the center during the current week (May 20 - 24, 2023) did not include the name and telephone number of the child's doctor.
2. The emergency medical forms for three children who were transported from Sallas Mahone Elementary School to the center during the current week (May 20 - 24, 2023) did not include the name and telephone number of the child's doctor.
3. The emergency medical form for one child who was transported from Scintilla Charter Academy to the center during the current week (May 20 - 24, 2023) did not include the name and telephone number of the child's doctor. The emergency medical information for a second child transported from Scintilla Charter Academy to the center on May 22, 2024, did not address whether or not the child had any allergies or special needs.
4. The emergency medical forms for one child who was transported from Westside Elementary School to the center during the current week (May 20 - 24, 2023) did not include the name and telephone number of the child's doctor.

Additionally, seven transportation forms for children transported after school did not include the medical facility information for the facility used by the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Recited on 5/24/2024

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Corrected on 5/24/2024

.36(7)(d)1. - Based on a review of transportation records and staff statements, first and second checks of the vehicle are being made as required after each time children are transported and exit the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Corrected on 5/24/2024

.36(7)(d)2. - Based on a review of transportation records and staff statements, first and second checks of the vehicle are being made as required after each time children are transported and exit the vehicle.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Corrected on 5/24/2024

.09(1)(a) - Based on consultant's observation of two new staff files presented for review, and a review of previous staff records, background checks had been completed as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Corrected on 5/24/2024

.09(1)(b) - Based on consultant's observation of two new staff files presented for review, and a review of previous staff records, background checks had been completed as required.

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.