



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/20/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-132

Sheltering Arms - Stonewall Tell

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
08/20/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/15/2023	Complaint 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	1	Infants	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	10	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	11	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	12		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	13	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	14	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	15	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	16	Three Year Olds	3	6	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	2	Infants	1	1	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	3	One Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	4	One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	5	Two Year Olds	3	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	6	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	7	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	8	Four Year Olds	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	9	Four Year Olds	2	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 340

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 126

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Pre-K	90	C
Main	Preschool	61	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	20	22	43	44	0	0

Comments

8-20-2024 The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/20/2024

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.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!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities on this date .

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2024

Corrected on 8/20/2024

.08(6) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant reviewed child's daily arrival and departure records for the week of August 12 - 16, 2024, that included parent's signature or initials.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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 in classroom #15 an adult stapler was located on the sink in reach of children. Additionally, there was an unlocked cabinet underneath the sink that contained disinfecting and Clorox wipes labeled "keep out of reach of children" in reach of children.

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.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed that the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair as required. In classroom #13 contact paper was peeling in the window seal. Additionally, there were small rips in the blue mat in classroom #3 used underneath the climbing area..

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2024

Corrected on 8/20/2024

.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant did not observe water hose, sprinkler or broom on the Pre K playground.

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2024

Corrected on 8/20/2024

.21(3) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant reviewed the center's emergency drill form and the fire, tornado and emergency situations drills were completed as required.

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.05 Animals N/A**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises on this date.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) N/A**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that classroom #1 did not have three of eight tight-fitting sheets as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2024

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Director provided eight file(s) for employees hired since last visit on April 16, 2024.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** Met**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Met**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.