



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/25/2023 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-11775

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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.
09/25/2023	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/12/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
06/08/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Support	

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(210)-6wks-12m	Infants	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B (208)6wks-7m	Infants	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C(207) 7M-12m	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D(206) 12M-18M	One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Outside, Transitioning
Main	E(204) 12M-24M	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F(205) 18M-35M	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Clean Up, Free Play, Transitioning
Main	G (209)18M-35 M	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H (211)3yrs	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Clean Up, Transitioning
Main	I (213) 3 & 4yrs	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J(212) 4yrs	GA PreK	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	K(214) 4yrs	GA PreK	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	L (215) 8-12yrs		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	L(215) 5-7 yrs		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 248					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 115					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 248					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Infants Toddlers	17	C
Main	B Toddler/Preschool	66	C
Main	C Preschool/School age	152	C
Main	D School age	171	C

Comments

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/25/2023

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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Ariana Vandal, Program Official

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected in that all equipment and furniture was free from hazardous conditions on this date as required.

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected in that potentially hazardous materials and supplies were not accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected in that the center was in good repair on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.26(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the fence bar was replaced between Playground C and Playground D on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.26(6) - Previous citation corrected in that the pvc pipe on Playground D was in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected in that the playground was free from hazards as required.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.07(5) - Previous citation corrected in that infants did not have a pacifier clip attached to their clothing on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.10(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the consultant observed proper diapering on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.17(7) - Previous citation corrected in that the consultant observed proper handwashing as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.17(8) - Previous citation corrected in that the consultant observed proper hand washing as required on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills as of August 31, 2023.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. Please ensure that the vehicle seats are in good repair as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

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

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.

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

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2023

Corrected on 9/25/2023

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected in that all staff completed Outdoor Safety in the Early Childhood Setting training on June 11, 2023.