



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/19/2024 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 10:30 AM Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-57161

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Same

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.
03/19/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/05/2023	TA Follow Up	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	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	11	C	Transitioning
Main	B		0	0	C	4	C	5	C	
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D	Infants	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E	One Year Olds	1	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 42					
Total # Children this Date: 23					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 42					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	13	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up on a previous visit.

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.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!

Yolanda Durden, Program Official

Date

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Specialist

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023

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Facility

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

Defer

Defer
591-1-1-.19(1)-

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023

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

Defer

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2023

Corrected on 3/19/2024
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Defer

591-1-1-.26(8)-

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2023**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.15(2)-

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023****Corrected on 3/19/2024****Previous citation was found corrected on this date.****Safety****591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023****Corrected on 3/19/2024****Previous citation was found corrected on this date.****Staff Records****591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.14(1)-

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023**591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.24(1)-

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: 7/22/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.33(3)-

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 8/16/2023

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

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII)-

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a written plan for newly hired teacher's and ensure that the teacher's follow the plan.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

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

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