



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/8/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:05 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-11124

Forsyth United Methodist Church-Caring for Kids

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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.
09/08/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/06/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/29/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
			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.

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	Left Hall-1st left	One Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	Left Hall-1st right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	4	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Left Hall-2nd left	Infants	3	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	Left Hall-2nd right	Two Year Olds	3	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Right Hall-1st left		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	
Main	Right Hall-1st right		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Main	Right Hall-2nd left	Four Year Olds	2	5	C	18	C	25	C	Nap, Lunch
Main	Right Hall-2nd right		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 180					
Total # Children this Date: 42					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 180					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Grass Area	71	C
Main	Main Playground	53	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a Monitoring Visit. Transportation records were reviewed during the visit. The program does not provide swimming activities.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/08/2023

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!

Cathy Stevick, Program Official	Date
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Kimberly Stoy, Lead Consultant	Date
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Laura Johnson, Regional Consultant	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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

591-1-1-.25(8) - The consultant spoke with the Director about ensuring that all electrical outlets are covered with a protective cap when not in use as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2023

Corrected on 9/8/2023

.26(8) - This citation was corrected on this date. The program did speak with the Director about fluffing and shifting the mulch on the playground back to the fall zones on this date. Recent rain in the area had shifted the mulch.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on observation that one prescription tube of Nystatin Cream was observed on the changing table and no written authorization was available from the parent that included when to apply the cream, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(6) - The consultant spoke with the Director about obtaining the parental agreements for five children that were transported on September 7, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - The consultant spoke with the Director about obtained the Emergency Medical forms that were missing for five children transported on September 7, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2023

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.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - The consultant spoke with the Director about replacing the mattresses in unused cribs that had duct tape covering small tears in the mattress. The consultant explained that dirt and germs could cling to the tape making the mattresses uncleanable as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2023

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-.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**

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