



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/12/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:20 AM

Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-2455

Thomas County Child Development Center

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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.
09/12/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/10/2022	Licensing Study	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
Bldg 1	Room 1	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bldg 1	Room 2	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg 1	Room 3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 2	Room 4 (Pre-K)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 2	Room 5	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 2	Room 6	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Art
Bldg 2	Room 7 (Pre-K)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 3	Room 10	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	39	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg 3	Room 11		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 3	Room 8		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg 3	Room 9		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 73			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 267			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. A plan of improvement was left and is due September 26, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 09/26/2023

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

Chaka Tucker, Program Official

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

Corrected on 9/12/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2023

Corrected on 9/12/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust fan was not functioning in the bathrooms of classrooms one, three, and six as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023

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)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to repair the black boarder at the bottom of the wall in the science area in classroom four.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023

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 the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

- * Building 1 Room 1 - Broom and dust pan out in the corner near the music area of the classroom
 - * Building 1 Room 2 - Cleaning spray, labeled, "keep out of reach of children" and vinyl gloves near the sink.
- Additionally there was a black trash bag in the corner of the library area.
- * Building 1 Room 3- Vinyl gloves and wipes near the sink.
 - * Building 2 Room 6 - Clorox wipes behind a green curtain at the front of the shelf in reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Recited on 9/12/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the grass needed to be cut. The yellow tunnel play equipment had chipped paint. Additionally, there was a screw sticking out of the top of the wooden board on the orange and cream color play equipment and the rubber on the backside was torn in need of repair.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated 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)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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)**Not Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Finding

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. It was determined based on observation that the bus had cleaning products in a box on the first seat behind the driver's seat accessible to children. Additionally there was a yellow broom in between the windows and seats four, five, and six on the right side of the bus accessible to children. Bus with the license license plate number PB4856 was checked.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2023

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

Corrected on 9/12/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

Corrected on 9/12/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 23 was present on site in classroom six without having submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 23 was present on site in classroom six without having submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

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.