



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/12/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:50 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-36308

Childcare Network #235

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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.
11/12/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/13/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/05/2023	Monitoring Visit	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	Rm. Preschool 3A-4th Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	A 1st L-Crawlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C 3rd L	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	H - 1st R	Infants	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Story,Nap
Main	Rm. AfterSchool-Back Middle		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm. Preschool 4B-PreK	GA PreK	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Rm. Toddler A-3rd Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm.Preschool 3B-5th Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm.Preschool 4A-Prek	GA PreK	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	Rm.Preschool 4C-PreK	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm.Week Toddler A-2nd Right		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Wee Toddler B-2nd left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 235

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 93

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 235

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Infants/Toddlers	31	C
Main	Playground B-3yrs	34	C
Main	Playground C-PreK-School Age	93	C
Main	Playground D-2's	71	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	11	14	13	5	7	5

Comments

An in person inspection was conducted on November 12, 2024 with the director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/12/2024

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.decgal.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

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2024

Corrected on 11/12/2024

Previous citation corrected. There was a variety of age-appropriate toys and materials observed on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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: 6/3/2024

Corrected on 11/12/2024

Previous citation corrected. The ceiling tiles were replaced on this date. The chipped paint was repainted and the borders were repaired in the classrooms and middle boy's restroom. The corner edge of the wall was repainted and cleaned in the after school, back middle, fourth, and fifth classrooms. The closet door in the fourth right classroom was replaced on this date. The handle on the back door leading to the playground was replaced on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute mulch on playgrounds B, C, and D.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2024

Corrected on 11/12/2024

Previous citation corrected. A variety of equipment was added and available on playgrounds A,B,C, and D. The medal stairway of the tan, green, and burgundy climbing structure on playground C was repainted on this date.

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Corrected on 11/12/2024

Previous citation corrected. Consultant reviewed completed transportation training for three drivers.

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 Vehicle with tag number ending in X5453 had one seat with exposed foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2024

Recited on 11/12/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Corrected on 11/12/2024

Previous citation corrected. The infants did not have any attached items around their necks on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Corrected on 11/12/2024

Previous citation corrected. The children's blankets and personal items were stored separately on this date.

Staff Records

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided files for six employees hired since last visit.

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training. Ongoing training for 2024 will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.