



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/4/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-96

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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.
10/04/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/28/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/12/2022	Incident Investigation by Phone	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
2	H L Pre K3Front-Guppies	GA PreK	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
2	I : L Pre K4-Mid-Minnows	GA PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
2	J: Rear-Sharks		0	0	C	52	C	NA	NA	
2	Lunchroom		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A: R Front-Cuddly	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Main	B: R Mid-Puddle Duck		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	C: Right Rear-Busy Bunnies	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D: Mid-Rear-Cool Cats	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	24	C	33	C	Transitioning
Main	E: Library		0	0	C	18	C	26	C	
Main	F: Left Middle-Leapin Lions	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	28	C	Music
Main	G: Pre K2	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	31	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 129			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 91			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 261			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A:1 R-Infants	8	C
Main	PG B: 2R-Twos	10	C
Main	PG C: 3R-Two Yr	58	C
Main	PG D: Back R-Pre K	124	C
Main	PG E: Front Middle	41	C
Main	PG F: Front L-3 Yr	73	C
Main	PG G Left Back-School Age	439	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on December 28, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/04/2023

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!

Lisa Dunlap, Program Official

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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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with the director to secure televisions in the Pre-K classrooms in building 2.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that vents are cleaned regularly.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2023

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)**Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the premises to be clean and in good repair.

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that there was a gap measuring approximately four inches at the gate between and a half inches under the fence between playground PG E-Front Middle and the Outdoor Learning Area. Further, there were gaps measuring approximately four inches between the bars closest to the posts on playground PG A 1R Infants.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2023

Recited on 10/4/2023

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2023

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed playground equipment to be in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure tripping hazards are removed or painted.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 -Consultant discussed with the the director to ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(1) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that food removed from its original packaging is labeled.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

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)**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

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

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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)**Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that emergency medical forms are filled out completely by the parent(s).

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023

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

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep practices.

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 six files for employees hired since last visit December 28, 2022..

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

The consultant observed all staff members hired more than 90-days to have evidence of current certification in first aid and CPR on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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**

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2022

Corrected on 10/4/2023

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed adequate supervision throughout the center.