



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/10/2024 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:35 AM

Departure: 3:35 PM

CCLC-55005

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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.
01/10/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/03/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/27/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	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 (1L) - 1's	Infants	3	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap,Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B (2L) - 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C (3L) - 2's	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D (4L) - Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	E (4R) - 5 and up	GA PreK	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F (3R) - 3's & 4's	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G (2R) - 1's	One Year Olds	3	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	H (1R) - 6wks - 12 months	Infants	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Story,Feeding,Free Play
Main	I (Upstairs Back) Pre-K	GA PreK	2	21	C	20	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	J (Upstairs R) - Pre-K	GA PreK	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K (Cafe) After School (5-12)	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	15	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 224						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A (FL)- 1's and 2's	25	C
Main	PG B (Back): 3- 12 yrs	146	C
Main	PG C (RB) - 2- 4 yrs	29	C
Main	PG D (FR): 6 wk to 24 mth	21	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study visit and a plan of improvement follow up visit and to follow up on the previous visit conducted on August 22, 2023.

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.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!

Taylor Nix, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

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

Please ensure to monitor toys and/or equipment for normal wear and tear.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed 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

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies and monitor restroom ventilation for normal wear and tear (i.e., dust, etc.).

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children (i.e., diapering wipes, grocery bags, cleaning products, etc.).

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground C (RB) 2 - 4 yrs is currently closed pending renovation (i.e., addition of new equipment, etc.).

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., bees, ants, etc.).
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint, etc.).
- Excessive leaves, sweet gum tree balls, etc.
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment and/or toys.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff stated the proper diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

After school transportation services were observed during the visit. The consultant observed the staff members to complete the first and second check of both vehicles during the visit.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The following vehicles were observed to have evidence of a current vehicle inspection report:

- Vehicle tag #TDH3103 - Expires November 28, 2024.
- Vehicle tag #EXV823 - Expires November 28, 2024.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit 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)**Met****Comment**

The director provided 10 files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on January 3, 2024. The consultant observed 10 of 10 newly hired staff members to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Consultant observed staff members to have evidence of current first aid and CPR training on file. Please continue to monitor the expiration dates of first aid and CPR training.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.