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Cover Sheet

Date: 6/16/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:45 AM

Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-50426

Bright Start Preschool #1

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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.
06/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/16/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/28/2021	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
Bld 2-rm 8 infant- 1 yr	Rm 1 - 1's	One Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bld 2-rm 8 infant- 1 yr	Rm 2 older infants and 1's	Infants	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bld 2-rm 8 infant- 1 yr	Rm 3 - infants	Infants	1	2	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220							
Main	Rm 1	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm 2	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	20	C	Circle Time
Main	Rm 3	Five Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	30	C	Art
Main	Rm 4	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	24	C	33	C	Circle Time
Main	Rm 5	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm 6	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm 7 afterschool room	Six Year Olds and Over	3	28	C	33	C	46	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 143			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 156							
Total # Children this Date: 132			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 184			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld 2-rm 8 infant-1 yr	playground 3	16	C
Main	Playground A	65	C
Main	Playground B	18	C

Comments

An in-person walk through of the facility was conducted on June 16, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by June 24, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director after the walk through. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk through visit. Center does provide transportation. The annual review was completed on June 28, 2022, and a copy of the report was emailed to the provider on this day.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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



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!

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)

Shelbra McKnight, 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that there were the following hazards.

- In classroom 5 of the main building there were two red vinyl chairs with torn arm rest.
- In classroom 6 of the main building there was an adult chair in the bathroom that was missing the protective caps from three of the the legs and a child's chair that was missing the protective cap from one leg.
- In classroom 1 of Building 2 there were six of ten vinyl stacking blocks that were torn a the seams.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

Technical Assistance

There were two red vinyl chairs with torn arm rest in classroom 5

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

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

Met

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)**Not Met****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 that in

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

There was one bottle of twenty bottles that had cereal mixed in with formula. The consultant discussed with the requirement that age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s) and requires a child to be fed from individual spoons.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

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**

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)**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Records Reviewed: 28****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 12/13/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 05/31/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/04/2018

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2020

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2011

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 12/01/2016

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/02/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2019

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 01/29/2018

Staff # 14 Met

Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 06/01/2011

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2020

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2011

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 01/29/2018

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2016

Staff # 23 Met

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 01/10/2018

Staff # 25 Met

Staff # 26 Met

Staff # 27 Met

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2013

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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
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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

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