



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 4/17/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

**CCLC-3486**

**Mitchell County Child Development Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 04/17/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/30/2023                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/13/2022                         | 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       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Main                           | A (Preschool) | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 16       | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time |
| Main                           | B (Preschool) | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 17       | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers     |
| Main                           | C (Preschool) | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 2     | 16       | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63 |               |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |             |
| Total # Children this Date: 49 |               |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |             |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | Playground | 67                   | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/17/2024

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.decal.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](http://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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Sonya Williams, Program Official

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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**

Discussed organizing toys and shelves in the classrooms.

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the wheels are removed from shelves in the classrooms and that the shelves are secured.

**Correction Deadline: 4/17/2024**

**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**

Parent agreements observed obtained and completed.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that the bathrooms in classroom A, B, and C walls around the side and back of the toilets were with stains.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

**Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024**

**Recited on 4/17/2024**

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by the center.

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**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 the following hazards were accessible to children:

Classroom A:

- Vinyl gloves on top of the changing table inside the boys bathroom.
- The vents need to be cleaned inside the bathrooms.
- Two grocery bags inside the cubbies.
- A tape dispenser with a serrated edge on top of the cubby.
- The cord to the "Paradigm" air purifier was loose.
- Bath and Body Work soap near the sink inside the classroom.
- Vinyl gloves near the sink.
- Two pair of adult scissors near the entrance of the classroom door.
- Unlocked changing table storage with three cans of disinfectant spray and baby wipes.

Classroom B:

- One grocery bag inside the cubby.
- The boys bathroom toilet had bolts extending past two threads.
- A stapler on top of the cubby near the cots.
- One Shein bag with "keep out of reach" label on the back inside a cubby.
- A container inside the boys bathroom with a black trash bag, baby wipes, and vinyl gloves.
- The vents need to be cleaned inside the bathrooms.

Classroom C:

- Nine grocery bags inside the cubbies.
- The vents need to be cleaned inside the bathrooms.
- The cord to the "Paradigm" air purifier was loose.

**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: 4/17/2024**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following areas were not in good repair posing a hazard to children:

Classroom A:

- The black base boards in the boys and girls bathroom behind the toilet were not flush to the wall.
- One ceiling tile over the sink was loose.

Classroom B:

- The sink in the boys bathroom was leaking water near the faucet and underneath of the sink.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that electrical outlets have protective caps.

**Correction Deadline: 4/17/2024**

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute underneath the swings and near the end of the slides.

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the fence around the middle air conditioner unit and the fence around the air conditioner unit to the far left of the playground meet the four feet requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 4/17/2024**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on observation that "S" hooks on the swings were greater than 0.04 inches. Additionally, the blue and red picnic table was not anchored to the ground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

**Correction Deadline: 4/27/2024**

**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 following hazards were on the playground accessible to children:

- Ant beds throughout.
- Fungi on the shaded structure.
- A crack on the left side closest to the fence of the large play equipment structure and a screw protruding out on the same side of the structure railing.
- Weeds near the swings and the large play equipment structure.
- There was rust on the fence around the three air conditioner units. Additionally, there was rust on top of the air conditioner unit to the right.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 4/17/2024**

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk  
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk  
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no diapered children enrolled in the program on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

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| <b>Organization</b> |
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**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that an amendment is submitted for the cafeteria.

**Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024**

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| <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the use of the current drill form.

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024**

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on the premises.

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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

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| <b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**Comment**

A current inspection was observed for the vehicle with license plate number EVP244 used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Please add tweezers and a thermometer to the first aid kit on the bus.

**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 bus had cleaning products, a yellow broom, and a trash bag on the floor at the back of the bus.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 4/18/2024**

**Correction Deadline: 12/1/2023**

**Corrected on 4/17/2024**

**The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Please ensure that cots are labeled for individual use.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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| <b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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| <b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.