



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/18/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:05 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-50218

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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.
10/18/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/03/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/03/2023	Complaint 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 - 6wks- 12mths	Infants	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B - 1's	One Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C - 2's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D - 2's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E - 4's	Four Year Olds	2	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F - 4's	GA PreK	2	21	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G - 5 and up	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	I - 3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J - 2's	One Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 177

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 119

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - (Right Side)	27	C
Main	Playground B - (Back)	56	C

Comments

A follow up from the August 3, 2023 visit was conducted on this date.

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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Brianna Bethea, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2023

Corrected on 10/18/2023

.25(13) - No hazards were observed in classroom D on this date..

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

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2023

Corrected on 10/18/2023

.26(4) - The fence throughout the playground was observed to be in good condition on this date.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2023

Corrected on 10/18/2023

.14(2) - CPR/1st Aid documentation was observed on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that eleven of sixteen staff did not have evidence health and safety orientation training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center director stated that she had the staff complete the incorrect health and safety training and would have all staff complete the new training provided by Bright From the Start as soon as possible.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

Recited on 10/18/2023

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- Per director, all staff will complete the required 10 hours of training for 2023 by December 31, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023