



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/20/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-51677

Rocking Horse Childcare Center

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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.
05/20/2024	POI Follow Up	Support	
03/18/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/18/2024	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	E:1L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	2	C	7	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room A	Infants	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room B	One Year Olds	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 32			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Infant)	13	C
Main	Playground B (Toddler)	12	C
Main	Playground C (3 - 12 yrs)	38	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a follow-up visit. A Plan of Improvement was left and is due June 4, 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.dec.al.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!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Corrected on 5/20/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Corrected on 5/20/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Facility

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that classroom D had floor tiles missing near the back door that lead to the playground that pose a tripping hazard to the children's health and safety.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Recited on 5/20/2024

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 classroom E had peeling drywall near the left side of the gray couch and over the cubby that pose a risk to children's health and safety.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Recited on 5/20/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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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 on playground C the fencing did not measure four feet high. The left back corner of the fence measured 40 1/2 inches in height. Additionally, the right back corner of the fence measured 41 inches in height.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Recited on 5/20/2024

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 found on the playground:

- Playground B: Had one boulder rock that measure four and a half inches wide and five inches in length near the yellow merry-go-round. Additionally, there were smaller boulder rocks throughout.
- Playground C: Had exposed black tarp throughout. The PVC pipe near the back left side, back right side, and front right side of the playground were disconnected with a hole large enough to fit a child's hand inside.
- Playground A, B, and C: Had weeds throughout growing along the fence line and the outside wall of the center.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Recited on 5/20/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

Corrected on 5/20/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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Corrected on 5/20/2024

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Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff number four did not have evidence of CPR and first aid completed within 90 days of their hire date as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Recited on 5/20/2024

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

This rule will be evaluated during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on observation that a lead teacher did not have evidence of educational credentials as required in classrooms B, C, D, and E.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Recited on 5/20/2024