



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/21/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

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Quality Rated: No

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.
10/21/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/11/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/25/2023	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
Lower Elementary Building	Room 201		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 17			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	400	Five Year Olds	1	15	C	26	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	401		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	407		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	408		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	409		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 120			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 15			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	lower	113	C
Main	Upper	180	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	10	10	0	25

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. The consultant reviewed the report and discussed comments, technical assistance, and any citations on this date with the provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/21/2024

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2024

Corrected on 10/21/2024

The consultant did not observe a red vinyl cushion/chair in a library area on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Children's Records

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

Met

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 ensure that ventilation fans are in proper working order. Maintenance was notified on this date and a service order was created by the provider.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2024

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 potential hazards were observed:

- Room 400 - The cords from the ClearTouch interactive board were observed loose and accessible to children in the block area. There was a ladder observed to be accessible to children in the left restroom. A teacher's personal drinks were observed on the teachers desk and accessible to children.
- Room 401 - An unlocked cabinet under the handwashing sink and accessible to children was observed to contain plastic bags and cleaners on this date. The cords from the ClearTouch interactive board and two lamps were observed to be loose and accessible to children on this date. A diffuser was observed accessible to children on the cubby shelves to the left of the door. It was observed that technology equipment and spare chairs were stored in the front left corner and were accessible to children, posing a hazard. In the first bathroom, it was observed that a storage bin of wrapping paper was stored on a storage self that was accessible to children.
- Room 407 - The cords from the ClearTouch interactive board were observed to be loose and accessible to children on this date.
- Room 408 - It was observed that the teachers personal items were located in an unlocked storage cabinet on this date.
- Room 409 - The cords from the ClearTouch interactive board were observed to be loose and accessible to children on this date. There were Clorox wipes located on a low level shelf in an unlocked storage cabinet above the sink.

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: 10/25/2024

Recited on 10/21/2024

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**

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

There were no children enrolled in the program that require diapering.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/16/2024****Corrected on 10/21/2024****All drills were observed to be up to date upon review of records.****Safety**

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that blankets (towels) used for nap are not stored in an area accessible to children while not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2024**Staff Records**

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/12/2024****Corrected on 10/21/2024****Based on review of records, all staff Criminal Records Checks were up to date and in compliance.****Correction Deadline: 1/12/2024****Corrected on 10/21/2024****Based on review of records, all applicable staff Criminal Records Checks were up to date and in compliance.**

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024****Corrected on 10/21/2024****Staff records observed on this date showed appropriate training hours required.**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.