



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/4/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:30 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-17559

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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.
06/04/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/21/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/12/2023	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
Main	A 1RT	Infants	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B 2 RT	One Year Olds	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers,Diapering
Main	C 3RT	One Year Olds	2	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D 4RT	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E 5RT	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F 6 RT	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Outside
Main	G BK MD	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Outside
Main	H 4LF	Six Year Olds and Over	2	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Outside
Main	I 3LF	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	J 2LF	Four Year Olds	1	5	C	26	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	K 1LF	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	26	C	37	C	Free Play,Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 225					
Total # Children this Date: 80			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 225				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground infant/tod	36	C
Main	playground pre-school	116	C
Main	playground school age	34	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/04/2024

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/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

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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Per director center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.25 - Please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., bleach, aerosol sprays, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to children at all times.

Comment

Consultant observed center clean and well maintained on this date.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.26 - Please ensure to monitor vines and tree branches growing through the fence surrounding the play areas.

Comment

Consultant observed playground to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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

591-1-1-.15 - Please ensure that bottles are fully labeled with child's full name and date.

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)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10 - Please ensure to monitor the normal wear and tear of the diaper changing pad, change or replace as needed. Also please monitor for dirt build-up underneath the diaper changing pad clean surface as needed.

Comment

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures on this date.

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

Consultant observed proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed documentation and procedures complete on this date .

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Consultant observed positive redirection and positive staff and child interaction 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**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The consultant observed the following vehicles to have evidence of a current vehicle inspection report:

- Vehicle tag # ABL5286 - Expires January 2025.
- Vehicle tag # ABL9125 - Expires January 2025.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed cribs/cots labeled for individual use.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit conducted on May 21, 2024.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****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 review of records staff member # 23, date of hire June 11, 2023 and staff member # 24, date of hire December 19, 2023 did not have evidence of Health and Safety Training on file

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/4/2024

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****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed staff to provide direct supervision and attentive to children's needs. Consultant observed staff conducting face-to-name check during transitions