



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/11/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 12:20 PM

Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-33042

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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.
10/11/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/25/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Support	
08/25/2023	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	Room A - Far Right	One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B - 2nd Right	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C - Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	30	C	41	C	TV
Main	Room D; 3yr olds		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E; 4 yr olds	Four Year Olds	1	11	NC	7	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room F; Infant	Infants	1	1	C	5	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 86					
Total # Children this Date: 28					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 86					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Playground	26	C

Comments

Plan developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/11/2023

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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Teneria Green, Program Official

Date

Nadia Bernard, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.19(1) - Please ensure that the Center provides the required 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2023

Corrected on 10/11/2023

.25(13) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Staff belongings were not accessible on this date.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Corrected on 10/11/2023

.26(4) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed fencing to be in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Corrected on 10/11/2023

.26(8) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed adequate resilient surface on this date.

Policies and Procedures

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2023

Corrected on 10/11/2023

.21(1)(a-o) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed an up to date parent policy on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Corrected on 10/11/2023

.21(3) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed Fire/Tornado Emergency Preparedness Documentation Form to be up to date.

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2023

Corrected on 10/11/2023

.36(7)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed Vehicle Emergency Medical Information forms for all children transported.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that an infant was sleeping in a bouncy seat.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2023

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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591-1-1-.33(5)- Center staff have until December 31, 2023 to complete the annual ten hours of training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

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Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in room E a teacher was sleep while supervising eleven children during nap.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2023