



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/26/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:25 AM **Departure:** 2:10 PM

CCLC-35598

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
06/26/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/17/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	
05/03/2024	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	Room A(6 wks-12 mos.)	Infants	2	8	C	7	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B(12 mos-24 mos)	One Year Olds	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room C (2 yrs.)	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	29	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room D (3-4 yrs)	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room E (Extended Day Pre-K)	One Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room F (After School)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room G (PreK-A)	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	27	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioning
Main	Room H (PreK-B)		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 67		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 3 & Up	19	C
Main	Playground Infant	9	C
Main	Playground Toddler	10	C

Comments

An in person inspection was conducted on June 26, 2024 with the assisting director of Childcare Network of 221.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/26/2024

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.decga.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@decga.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.

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute wood chips for three licensed playgrounds.

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 the fence located on the far left side of the three year old playground was not in compliance in the following areas:

- * The gate located on the far left middle side measured at three feet and 10 inches
- * The gate located on the far left middle side had a hole at the bottom that created an entrapment hazard
- * The gate located on far left side (across from the white house), measured at three feet and ten inches

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(5) requires that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months. It was determined based on observation that two menu items had been changed without an updated and posted menu.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will list all of the current week's meals and snacks and all substitutions on the menu and keep past menus on file for six months and will implement a system to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024

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**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of files that the following drills were not completed:

- Smoke detector inspections were missing for March, April, and May 2024
- Fire Drill inspection was not completed for March 2024
- Fire Extinguisher inspection was not completed for March and April 2024

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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)**Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Corrected on 6/26/2024

Previous citation corrected. Consultant reviewed second check rules with assisting director.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the buses:

- Bus 0501
 - 1) Pencils, Pens, two child sweaters, candy wrappers, and water bottles were observed throughout the bus
 - 2) There was loose silver tape located on the floor near the first left seat
- Bus 0518 (Right Side)
 - 1) The first seat on the right side had had four inches of the seat covered with silver tap
 - 2) The second seat on the right side had exposed foam and peeling silver tape on the left corner
- Bus 0518 (Left Side)
 - 1) The first seat had silver tape on the seat covering a tear
 - 2) The second seat had silver tape covering a tear
 - 3) The third seat had silver tape covering a tear
- Bus 0501
 - 1) There was a crack at the bottom of the entrance door
 - 2) There were students sweaters, a juice box, excessive candy wrapper paper, throughout the bus.
- Bus C321
 - 1) There was a grey trash bag located under the third seat on the left side
 - 2) There were two child sweaters behind the driver's seat
 - 3) There was a soda can and candy wrapper paper on the center floor area
- Bus

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2024

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

Corrected on 6/26/2024

Previous citation corrected. Consultant reviewed completed vehicle emergency medical forms for all children who are transported.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Corrected on 6/26/2024

Previous citation corrected. Transportation forms were documented with correct symbols.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2024

Corrected on 6/26/2024

Previous citation corrected. Consultant reviewed completed May 2024 transportation forms.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Corrected on 6/26/2024

Previous citation corrected. Consultant reviewed completed transportation for all drivers.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(8) restricts a child's travel time to forty-five minutes on each trip between the Center and destination unless accompanied by the Parent and excluding field trips. It was determined was determined based on an investigation that on March 15, 2024, a five-year-old child was traveling on the bus for 58 minutes from 7:35 a.m. until 8:33 a.m.

Based on review of transportation forms documented during the month of May 2024, the travel times are exceeding 45 minutes.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the travel time is no more than forty-five minutes on each trip.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024

Recited on 6/26/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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 files for seven employees hired since last visit on May 3, 2024.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2024

Corrected on 6/26/2024

Previous citation corrected. Center continues to ensure that staff comply with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Corrected on 6/26/2024

Previous citation corrected. Proper supervision was observed on this date.