



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/31/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-24175

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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.
07/31/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/31/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/23/2023	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
Bldg. II	1st Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	2nd Right		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	3rd Right		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. IV - ELC	1st Left - A	Infants	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Bldg. IV - ELC	1st Right - G	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. IV - ELC	2nd Left - B	Infants	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. IV - ELC	2nd Right - H	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg. IV - ELC	3rd Left - C	One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story
Bldg. IV - ELC	3rd Right - I	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bldg. IV - ELC	4th Left - D	One Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg. IV - ELC	4th Right - J	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg. IV - ELC	5th Left - E		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. IV - ELC	5th Right - K	Two Year Olds	3	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time

Bldg. IV - ELC	6th Left - F	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 194					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 111					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 247					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

<u>Building</u>	<u>Playground</u>	<u>Playground Occupancy</u>	<u>Playground Compliance</u>
Bldg. IV - ELC	Large	263	C

Comments

Licensing study completed on July 31, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2023

Corrected on 7/31/2024

.03(2) - Correction observed on this date. All classrooms had current lesson plans posted.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please continue to monitor the foam toys for wear and remove when foam is exposed. Also monitor the cardboard blocks and remove when they are torn.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2024

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Not Met

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 hazards were accessible to children in care:

1st Right G- there was "Cerave" moisturizing cream in a child's book bag.

2nd Right H- there was "Cerave" moisturizing lotion in a child's book bag. There also was an air freshener plugged into an outlet.

5th Right K- there was saline nasal spray, sunscreen and adult scissors in cubbies.

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. Items were moved to an inaccessible location.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation that there were vines with thorns on the right side first and middle playgrounds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

Recited on 7/31/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 following metal fencing needed repairing:

The right side gate on the large playground had exposed metal pieces along the bottom of both gates.

The right side gate on the large playground also had a gap at the bottom of fencing measuring six inches width by 48 inches length posing an entrapment hazard.

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: 8/9/2024

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2023

Corrected on 7/31/2024

.26(9) - Correction observed on this date.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

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

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)****Met****Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed 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 6 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.