



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/29/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:50 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-2393

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Same

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.
08/29/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/14/2022	Licensing Study	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	F-12 (School Age)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Main	F-14 (School-Age)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room 101 Main Hall 4th Right	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	Room 103 Main Hall 3rd Right	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	Room 106 Main Hall 2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	28	C	Nap
Main	Room 107-Main Hall 1st Right	Infants	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room 113 Back Hall 1st Right	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room 117 Back Hall 2nd Right	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 120 Back Hall 1st Left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			137		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137					
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler Playground Right Side	19	C
Main	Older Playground-Left Side	29	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	10	22	13	13	0	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up on previous citations.

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 user id 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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2024

Corrected on 8/29/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected in that the Consultant observed the potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies in classrooms, 103, 106, 113, and 117, were stored in locked cabinets. The Center has been providing training and support to staff in regard to identifying hazardous equipment, materials, and supplies and safe storage locations for these items so that they would not be accessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2024

Corrected on 8/29/2024

.33(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the Consultant reviewed records of staff member #2,9,11,13,15,17,20 orientation documentation and employment history documentation completed. The Center has developed and implemented a plan to review staff records and check for missing documentation once staff are hired upon entering a classroom.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

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