



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/20/2023 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 7:00 AM **Departure:** 11:30 PM

CCLC-59776

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Quality Rated: No

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.
07/20/2023	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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	1		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	10		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	11		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	12		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	13		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	14		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	15		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	
Main	16		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	17		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	18		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
Main	2		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	3		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	4		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	5		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	6		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	7		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	8		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	9		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	STEAM		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 327

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Front	44	C
Main	B - Left	65	C
Main	C - Back Left	13	C

Comments

An Initial Licensing Study was conducted on July 20, 2023. Permission to Operate was granted on this date. There were no children present on site during the visit. Facility carries Liability Insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/20/2023

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.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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!

Rodney Mallory, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial 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. A pool was not observed on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant observed an inoperable ventilation vent in Room 1.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2023

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) Met

Comment

Permission to Operate was granted on this date. The license capacity is 327 children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

There were no children present on the visit. Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Consultant observed the following in the teacher's drawers that were not locked: a large trash bag; adult scissors; grocery bag; and a box cutter.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the playground equipment on Playground A had chipped and peeling paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 7/30/2023

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Provider foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Senior Director, Early Learning Quality Programs ensuring that freezer temperatures are maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. Please ensure that a thermometer is placed in the mini fridge used to store infant feeding bottles.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Senior Director, Early Learning Quality Programs ensuring that diaper changing tables do not face the wall. Please ensure that all diaper changing tables are placed in such a way that teachers are facing the classroom (and not a wall) while changing a diaper. Consultant informed the Senior Director that if the diaper changing tables face the wall, a supervision plan will need to be drawn up.

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that there were no exhaust fans above the diaper changing tables.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

Consultant observed warm running water in the sinks located in the classrooms. Consultant discussed with the Senior Director, Early Learning Quality Programs ensuring that there is warm running water in the children's bathrooms.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

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

Discussed proper medication documentation, administration procedures, and storage.

Safety

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

There were no children present on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Senior Director on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Center does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Seven (7) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in July 2011 and April 2015.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Thirty-four (34) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Senior Director, Early Learning Quality Programs ensuring that all staff members have CPR First-Aid training which includes a hands-on skills assessment.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the Senior Director, Early Learning Quality Programs on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the Senior Director, Early Learning Quality Programs on this date.