



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/29/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:45 PM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-47194

Learning Spot for Tots

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Same

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. 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.
10/29/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/17/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/12/2024	Complaint Investigation & 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
Main	A/B - One and Two		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- Three and Four	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 19					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	All ages	32	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	5	4	6	0	0	0

Comments

October 29, 2024--The Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director/Owner.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/29/2024

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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!



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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024

Corrected on 10/29/2024

The correction was observed. There were no children observed in exersaucers on this date.

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.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024

Corrected on 10/29/2024

The correction was observed on this date. There were two infants and four one-year-old children observed in Room D on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024

Corrected on 10/29/2024

The correction was observed on this date. No hazards were observed to be in reach of children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Corrected on 10/29/2024

The observation was observed on this date. There were no ants observed in the kitchen, throughout the center, or on the playground on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/11/2024****Corrected on 10/29/2024****The correction was observed on this date. The center was appropriately illuminated on this date.**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/22/2024****Corrected on 10/29/2024****The correction was observed on this date. The yellow bus was removed from the playground.****Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024****Corrected on 10/29/2024****The correction was observed on this date. Raid or insect repellent was not observed to be present. The yellow school bus was removed from the playground.**

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024****Corrected on 10/29/2024****The correction was made. Staff stated food was not served from other children's plated, but from food that remained in bowls or the kitchen.**

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024****Corrected on 10/29/2024****Staff stated the correction was made. Cups were observed to be in water with bleach on this date.**

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment****Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.**

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024****Corrected on 10/29/2024****The correction was made. The Director stated there is one two-year-old child with a pacifier and they only get it during naptime.**

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024****Corrected on 10/29/2024****The correction was observed. The Director had parents fill out the appropriate form.**

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024**

Corrected on 10/29/2024

The Director stated parents were allowed access to the center and classrooms and there were times when there were no extra staff to stop parents in the lobby and bring children to parents, so therefore parents were allowed access to classrooms. The Consultant informed the Director to place a note on the front door and inform all parents they were allowed access to the classrooms.

Safety

591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024

Corrected on 10/29/2024

Children were observed to sleep head to toe opposite of the other child sleeping 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.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that one two-year-old child was observed to be housed together in classroom A/B with five two-year-old child with permission to be in the classroom and eight (8) three-year-old children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2024

Recited on 10/29/2024

591-1-1.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024

Corrected on 10/29/2024

The correction was observed on this date. All classrooms were observed to be supervised on this date.