



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/2/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-52441

**Special Investigations Unit
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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. 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.
01/02/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/29/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/18/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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 1st Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	9	C	26	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	B 2nd Left		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	C 3rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D 4th Left	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E 5th Left		0	0	C	23	C	33	C	
Main	F 6th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G 5th Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H 4th Right	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I 3rd Right	One Year Olds	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J 2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K 1st Right	Infants	1	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 247					
Total # Children this Date: 67			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 247				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (inf-2yrs)	51	C

Main	Activity Area	46	C
Main	B (3-12 yrs)	135	C

Comments

A Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/02/2024

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.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!

Elizabeth Skarda, Program Official

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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

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment

No swimming activities provided.

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 hazardous items were observed to be accessible to children present for care on this date:

- Classroom G: 5th right - One packet of Huggies wipes was stored in a child's bookbag that was hanging in the cubby area.

- Classroom H: 4th right - A ripped open plastic Huggies three pack bag that contained one packet of wipes was stored in a child's bookbag hanging in the cubby area.

All items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN".

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. Teachers immediately removed items.

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2024

Recited on 1/2/2024

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 stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

No medications currently dispensed/administered the Center.

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) **N/A**

Comment

No routine transportation provided.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 - The Center will ensure that cots and mats are used by the same child daily and marked for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 - The Center will ensure that light cover be available for each child's use on a cot or mat.

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2024

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)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.