



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/4/2024 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:10 AM Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-23214

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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.
10/04/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/28/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/06/2023	TA Follow Up	NA	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 1	1L	GA PreK	2	17	C	32	C	NA	NA	Outside, Circle Time
Building 1	1R	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Building 1	2L Back	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 1	2L Front	GA PreK	2	15	C	29	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 1	2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Building 1	3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	27	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Building 1	4L	GA PreK	2	14	C	27	C	NA	NA	Snack, Transitioning
Building 1	Infant Room Front Right	Infants	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Outside, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 81					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Right Side	58	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	7	8	25	56	0	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. New staff files and criminal records were reviewed today.

Reminder;

- Consultant discussed a the revision to Rules and Regulation Handbook. Consultant emailed a an updated indicator manual to provider during visit.
- Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.
- Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director. Consultant left a copy of Required Reporting Guidelines.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/04/2024

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!



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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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(8) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that toys and equipment for children under three years of age are age-appropriate and free from hazards (i.e., free of sharp pieces, large equipment that may tilt or fall, etc)

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Per director the 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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., ointments, plastic bags, diaper wipes, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

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

Met

Comment

Ensure to flush resilient mats into mulch to prevent hazards from tripping and/or falling.

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Per provider the center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**

Per director the center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Consultant observed that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 -Consultant discussed with director to ensure that each crib shall have a tight-fitting sheet on crib mattress to prevent risks of asphyxia.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Director provided one staff file for employees hired since last visit conducted on March 28, 2024. Consultant observed staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive record check electronically on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #13 date of hire August 19, 2019, did not submit fingerprints to the authorized fingerprinting site as required by the department. Director submitted staff fingerprint application on October 4, 2024 during visit. Staff was not present during visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)4. requires the Center to immediately obtain a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for any Director, Employee, or Provisional Employee if the Department so requests. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member # 13, date of hire August 19, 2024 did not complete a Comprehensive Record check recheck as required by department. Staff Comprehensive Records Check expired August 13, 2024, staff was not present on premises during the visit. Director submitted an application online during the visit.

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Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

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

Consultant discussed with director discussed active supervision on this date.