



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/2/2024 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-1233

Little Country Day Care Preschool #1

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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.
08/02/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/13/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/28/2023	Monitoring Visit	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	Back left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art,Circle Time
Main	Left front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Right Back	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Right front, entry	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Preschool I Building	Middle Room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Preschool I Building	Pre-K (left)		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Preschool I Building	Right Room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 59			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	38	C
Main	Toddler Playground	23	C
Preschool Building	Playground A	83	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/02/2024

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.decgal.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@decgal.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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2024

Corrected on 8/2/2024

.03(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No children were observed in confining equipment.

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

Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the TV in classroom Back Left in building main was not secured to prevent tipping, falling, or being pushed or pulled over.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. Please repair or replace the gaps in the flooring in the bathroom of classroom Left Front in the main building to ensure it is tight and cleanable. Additionally, please ensure classroom rugs are kept clean.

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2024

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2024

Corrected on 8/2/2024

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No cleaners or sanitizers were observed accessible.

Technical Assistance

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Please ensure all plastic bags are stored inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure all electrical cords in classroom Right Front entry in building main are secured and inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the playground be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards. Please check the toddler playground for ants and treat as needed.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2024

Corrected on 8/2/2024

.15(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Infant bottles were observed to be pre-made and stored in the refrigerator. Additionally, center staff stated that all bottles are pre-made daily by the parent.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. 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. Please ensure hot dogs are not served to children under the age of four.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure Center Staff do not permit children to wear items around their necks or attach to their clothing including necklaces while at the center.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing pad in the Left front room had three small holes and was not smooth and nonporous as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

Recited on 8/2/2024

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2024

Corrected on 8/2/2024

.17(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate handwashing was observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2024

Corrected on 8/2/2024

.20(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center does not dispense medications and no medications were observed accessible to children.

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)

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2024

Corrected on 8/2/2024

.30(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Center staff stated that there were currently two infants enrolled in the program and two safety-approved cribs were observed.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. Please check mats for tearing and repair or replace as needed.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. Please ensure mats are covered to prevent access when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2024

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/13/2024****Corrected on 8/2/2024**

.09(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2024**Corrected on 8/2/2024**

.09(1)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file as required.

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.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2024**Corrected on 8/2/2024**

.32(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate ratios were observed throughout the center.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.