



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/4/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-31733

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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.
01/04/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/14/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/28/2022	Licensing Study	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	2A	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	31	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Infant I	Infants and One Year Olds	3	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	Infant II	One Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Pre-K A	GA PreK	3	19	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside, Lunch
Main	Pre-K B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	10	C	32	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Upstairs (Library)		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Main	Waddlers	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Clean Up

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 74

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground B	84	C
Main	Pre-K A Playground	89	C
Main	Waddler Playground	18	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/04/2024

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.decal.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Evening Care

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

No evening care hours provided

Facility

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2023**Corrected on 1/4/2024****.06(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The bathroom fan was in working order.****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)**Met****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

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. please ensure all tricycles have two handle grips and that the seats are in good repair with no rips or holes.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2024**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. Please ensure to dump all standing water before the children use the playground.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024**Food Service**

Records Reviewed: 25**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 25****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/14/2023****Corrected on 1/4/2024****.07(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no items observed around the children's necks.****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Organization**Records Reviewed: 25****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the Center submits an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. Please submit an amendment to change classroom Pre-K B to a diapering classroom.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024**Policies and Procedures****Records Reviewed: 25****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety**Records Reviewed: 25****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 25****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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 cots that are stored in the classroom are covered to prevent access to them when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 25	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Met

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since the last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member # 1 completed eight of 10 required annual training hours for the 2023 calendar year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 25	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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