



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/18/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:45 AM **Departure:** 10:20 AM

CCLC-47194

Learning Spot for Tots

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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.
06/18/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/21/2023	Licensing Study	Support	
04/05/2023	Licensing Study	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	A/B - One and Two	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Main	C- Three and Four	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Main	D-Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 17					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	All ages	32	C

Comments

The Monitoring Visit was completed on this date. All previous citations were corrected. There were no findings on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 user id 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: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The correction was observed on this date. Lesson plans were observed to be present in each classroom on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The correction was observed during the visit. Toys and equipment were observed to be clean on this date.

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.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The correction was observed on this date. New flooring was observed throughout the Center.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The correction was observed on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The correction was observed on this date. The fence was observed to be repaired.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The corrections were observed on this date. The Consultant discussed to ensure the artificial turf continued to remain covered so that a tripping hazard was not posed.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements and a complete diaper changed were discussed with the staff member observed to change diapers on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The correction was observed during the visit. Children were observed to wash their hands upon arrival and after their diapers were changed.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The correction was observed during a review of records.

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

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.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The correction was observed during a review of records.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The correction was observed during a review of records.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Correction Deadline: 7/12/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

The correction was observed during a review of records.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.