



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/15/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:05 AM

Departure: 2:05 PM

CCLC-50807

Polk Early Childhood Development Center

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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.
02/15/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/21/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/16/2022	Initial 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	1L-Three Year Old	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	1R-Classroom	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Middle L-Four Year Old	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Middle R-Classroom	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			65		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground A	79	C
Main	Side Playground	50	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study on this date.

Consultant provided a copy of the Required Training F.A.Q. form with the Center Director 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.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!

Amanda Pittman, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed parent agreements to be obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed parent authorizations that were obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed records to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Consultant observed bathrooms to be clean and well maintained.

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be routinely met by the center.

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

Consultant observed the center to appear clean and well maintained.

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

Consultant observed playground to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Consultant observed center menu to meet USDA guidelines.

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

Consultant observed kitchen to appear clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	N/A
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Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering.

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

Consultant observed staff to remind children to wash hands.

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

Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

Consultant discussed reporting requirements with the Director.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed age-appropriate discussion and redirection.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Please ensure that cots are labeled for individual use.

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

591-1-1-.30(4) - 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. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2024

Staff Records

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

Consultant observed criminal record checks to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two staff files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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

Consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Consultant observed center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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