



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/12/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:15 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-53322

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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.
09/12/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/05/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/12/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
			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 : 1 R : Toddlers		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B : 2/3 R: Infants & Toddlers	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C: 4R: 2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D : 5R:	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E: 6R: Two year olds	One Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F: Back: Afterschool	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	59	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G: 5L: Three year olds	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	H : 4L: Three year olds	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	I: 3L : Four year olds	Four Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	J : 2L : Four year olds		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	K: 1L : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 106			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Infants & toddlers	44	C
Main	B - Two years old	86	C
Main	C - Four - 12 years old	123	C

Main	D - Four - 12 years old	72	C
Main	E - Three years old	74	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
14	16	18	24	31	5	33

Comments

A monitoring visit was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/12/2024

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:

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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure that when a center operates five hours or more per day to provide at least one and one-half hours of outdoor activity per day, weather permitting, for each child who is not an infant and at least one hour daily for infants as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

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

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area as required. The director has placed an order for additional toys to be added to classrooms, especially for the afterschool classroom. The classrooms will be set up appropriately to identify each center area within the next 30 days. Pictures will be sent to the Department.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. The director replaced the soap in the classroom with soft soap as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the baseboards were free of chipped paint throughout the center, the toilet lid in Classroom I is replaced, and the fluorescent light in Classroom K is replaced. The center will have repairs completed within the next 30 days and submit pictures to the Department as the request has been ordered.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute due to rain.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that playground equipment provides an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. 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. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Consultant discussed with the director to remove the yellow stationary airplane on Playground B as it was broken and chipped paint and rust was present. Consultant also discussed with the director to ensure the tan and green climbing structure was free of splintered wood as a piece was present on the corner edge of the equipment on Playground B.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the playgrounds are kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots, gaps and exposed sharp edges of concrete. Consultant also discussed with the director to ensure swings chains are free of rust in small areas at the bottom and that vegetation does not protrude through the fencing.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in M5840 was completed on July 30, 2024. Vehicle with tag number ending in HP573 was completed on April 8, 2024.

Comment

The new checklist with the dates listed on the side were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

The two vehicles in use at this time had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. Vehicles with tag numbers ending in M5839 and M5838 were not in use at this time.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date with the director and infant staff members.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on June 18, 2024.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records three staff members did not complete first aid and CPR hands on and in person training within the first 90 days of employment as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2024**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records two staff members did not complete the 10 hour health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2024**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. Consultant discussed with staff members and each staff member signed the supervision acknowledgment form regarding being seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger during meal times as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2024