



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/24/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:40 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-50312

Mrs. Tippy's

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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.
01/24/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/13/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Back Main	A - 2 through 12 yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 10			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations					
Total # Children this Date: 10			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 10		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Back Main	All Ages	13	C

Comments

A monitoring visit was conducted on this date all previous citations were followed up on during the visit. The provider does not transport children and does not dispense medication.

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 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

VENETIA SOUTHALL, Program Official

Date

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.12(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The tower fans have been removed.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be on this date. Ten children were observed to be present and the center was within their capacity.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No hazards were observed accessible to children in care.

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.26(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The two rope swings have been removed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The consultant observed loose boards on the deck of the playground that needed to be secured before they posed a hazard. Additionally, the consultant discussed with the provider about monitoring the wood on the raised deck play structure for loose boards and soft wood.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The playground was free from litter and free of hazards.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

No diapered children enrolled in the program on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.17(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Proper hand washing was observed.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.27 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The posted notices have been moved higher so that they are visible.

Safety

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

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

The provider does not care for infants. 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****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5) - This citation is deferred to the next regulatory visit when annual training for the 2022 calendar year will be reviewed.

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: 7/19/2023

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**

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.32(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

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