



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/20/2023 VisitType: Initial Licensing Study Arrival: 11:40 AM Departure: 12:40 PM

CCLC-58323

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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.
03/20/2023	Initial 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	Class A		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Class B		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Class C		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Class D		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	35	C

Comments

Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on (3/20/23). The exit conference was conducted in person with the Director. Permission to Operate was granted on 3/20/23. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance. A sign was posted on the posted notices board.

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.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Latasha Tinsley, Program Official

Date

Brittany Sams, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.12(4) - Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. There was no pool on the premises.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

. Please ensure that records have completed enrollment forms with no blanks or unanswered questions.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

The program has the following capacity limitations from the fire marshal: Room A 11, Room B 8, Room C 14 and Room D 7 with an overall total capacity of 40.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Please ensure that in Classroom A the loose tiles are secured to not pose a tripping hazard,

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Playground does not contain climbing equipment/swings. It was observed at the time of the visit the center had swing structure with no swings. The program will be utilizing portable equipment, such as hula-hoops, balls, riding cars, bikes, and will have planned activities for the children to participate in. It was observed on the date of the visit the playground had a satellite dish. The consultant advised the Director to provide a barrier around the dish to ensure children do not have access to it, The Director informed consultant that she will be contacting the company to remove it. It was observed on the date of the visit that there was a loose cord on the playground. The consultant advised the Director to have the cord re-secured to the building tighter in order for the children to not have access to it.

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date. Staff stated proper procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.
Transportation services are not being provided at the center in anyway at this time.

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)**Not Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) - Three (3) of six (6) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 4/10/2013. Consultant discussed safe sleep procedures with Director.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined that three (3) of the six (6) mattresses are not the required thickness.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant advised provider three (3) of the cribs would need to be removed until proper mattresses have been purchased. Consultant also advised Director that only three (3) infants can be enrolled until cribs are updated. Once mattresses are purchased, Director was advised to notify regional consultant.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b) requires that cots and mats are provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap. and for each child under the age of two (2) years who can climb out of a crib. It was determined based on consultant observation that twelve (12) of twelve (12) cots in classroom A had rips and tears.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Director will replace all twelve (12) cots to ensure they are meeting requirements.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2023

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.) Five (5) of five (5) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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****Comment**

There were no children present on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

A supervision plan was created on this date for classroom A restroom time : A floater staff will come into Classroom A and assist with the taking children to and from the bathroom. A supervision plan was created on this date for playground route and playground: Staff will create a schedule so that Room A will have a restroom break which will create an empty room so that Room B can cross through the room for outdoor time. This will allow space so that the room is never over capacity. Due to the shape of the playground Director will add cones so that children will know not to pass. Teachers will also position themselves so that they have a watchful eye over the children in care.

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.