



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/1/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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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. 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.
08/01/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/29/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/23/2022	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	A-1R (114)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	C-2L (104)	One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D-2R (113)	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	E-3L (105)		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F-3R (112)	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	G-4L (106)	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H-4R (111)		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-5L (107)		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	J-5R (110)		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	K-6L (108)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	L-6R (109)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			221		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 44			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A	64	C
Main	Plgd-B	51	C
Main	Plgd-C	110	C
Main	Plgd-D	87	C
Main	Plgd-E	22	C

Comments

MV completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/01/2023

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!

Chelsie Booker, 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

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety throughout all classrooms.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation the fence that separated Playground C and D and the back fence on Playground E was not in good repair as they were both buckled at the top.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide 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. It was determined based on observation the following playground equipment was not free of hazards:

Playground A

- * Two screws were protruding through the top of the red tunnel connected to the wooden climbing play structure.

- * Wood was splintered on the hand rail at the top of the slide, walkway area, and at the base of the wooden climbing play structure.

Playground B

- * The red and blue steering wheels connected to the wooden climbing structure had chipped paint.

Playground E

- * Chipped paint and rust was present throughout the stationary yellow school bus.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. The wooden plank will be repaired.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2023

Recited on 8/1/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation the following playground areas did not have at least six inches of mulch which was required:

Playground A

- * Two inches of mulch was present surrounding the fall zone area in front of the yellow slide.

Playground C

- * Three inches of mulch was present in front of the red and yellow slide.

- * Four inches of mulch was present surrounding the fall zone areas of the wooden play climbing structure with the four slides attached.

Playground D

- * Two inches of mulch was present in front of the yellow and tan slide.

- * Four inches of mulch was present surrounding the fall zone areas of the wooden play climbing structure with two slides attached.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the playgrounds are free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure all playground areas are free of tripping hazards in that the mulch should be level to the ground where concrete is present.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2023

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 on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children as required. Consultant discussed tone with staff member in the 2nd right classroom on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for the vehicle used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in QM481 was completed on October 5, 2022. The director reported vehicles with tag numbers ending in QM302 and QM483 were not in use at this time.

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation due to school being out for the summer and no field trips have been conducted.

Comment

The vehicle with tag number ending in QM481 had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the interior of a transportation vehicle is in safe repair and free of hazardous items which could cause injury. Consultant discussed with the director to monitor the seats for tears.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023

Corrected on 8/1/2023

Correction of citation in that new mattresses were ordered for the infant classroom and were non porous as required.

Staff Records

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

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

Comment

Director provided six files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on March 29, 2023.

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

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

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 on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.