



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/7/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:25 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-48804

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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.
02/07/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/21/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/21/2023	Complaint Investigation & 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 100 & 200- 1st left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	26	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	B-300- 2nd left	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C400- 2's 1st right	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D500- 2nd right	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E600-PreK 3rd right	GA PreK	3	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F650 PreK- 4th right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G700-Middle back right		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	H800-School age Back left		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	I801-Back far left		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 212					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 66			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 212			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 1L - Infant - Toddler	30	C
Main	Playground B - 1R - Preschool	18	C

Main	Playground C - Middle - Right - School - Age	32	C
Main	Playground D - Back- Middle - SA	75	C
Main	Playground E - Back - Lower Rear Right - SA	304	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow up the previous visit conducted on November 21, 2023

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/07/2024

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.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!

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2023

Corrected on 2/7/2024

.19(1) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Not Met

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 that the climbing structure on the right side of the school had peeling paint and is need of repair.

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.

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2024

Recited on 2/7/2024

Policies and Procedures

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2023**Corrected on 2/7/2024**

.21(3) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that smoke detectors at the center were checked on January 19, 2024. The tornado and lock down drill was conducted on January 19, 2024.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2023**Corrected on 2/7/2024**

.30(1)(b)3 - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed children sleeping on mats with covers.

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2023**Corrected on 2/7/2024**

.09(1)(j) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.