



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/26/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:05 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-35819
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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.
08/26/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/27/2023	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
Main	A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	31	C	43	C	Centers
Main	B	Infants	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Free Play
Main	C	One Year Olds	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Music, Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 46			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 58							
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 58							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	58	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	4	0	4	4	0	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and Follow up.

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.decgal.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 user id 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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decgal.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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Corrected on 8/26/2024

.25(18) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed emergency phone numbers to be posted.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with Director to redistribute mulch on the playground.

Food Service

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Corrected on 8/26/2024

.15(2)(a) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed a infant in a bouncy with out a blanket or bottle. There was no video in the classroom at the time of the visit.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with to staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Consultant observed ventilation for diaper changing area above the changing station.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on the review of documentation that Provider did not have emergency drill logs, the center failed to provide documentation during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will conduct drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2024

Recited on 8/26/2024

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

Consultant reviewed complete documentation of transportation on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with staff SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Consultant reviewed criminal record checks to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024

Corrected on 8/26/2024

.14(1)(a) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant reviewed staff records that #2 and #3 currently has First Aid and CPR as required by the Agency.

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

Consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Corrected on 8/26/2024

.32(1) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed each staff member to be in their classroom supervising the children.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2024

Corrected on 8/26/2024

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed five infants and one staff in classroom B sitting on the floor with the infants.