



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/28/2024 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 4:00 PM

CCLC-38563

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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.
03/28/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/20/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/01/2023	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 - first left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	B - second left	One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C - third left	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D - first right	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E - second right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	1	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F - Back right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			104		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A Left side	64	C
Main	Playground B right side	88	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Transportation records, new staff files and other required documents were available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the monitoring visit report was conducted with the director on this date. Consultant emailed a signed copy of the monitoring report to the director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/28/2024

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

LaTonya Blasingame, 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

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

Discussed removing wheels from shelving unit in Classroom E.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the air conditioning filtering system attached to the exterior of the building facing the Right Side Playground, were unattached from the gutter and observed hanging and accessible to the children. (Beside the outside door of Classroom D).

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will re-position or re-install equipment, as needed, and will make all such equipment inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation the following:
Classroom D-one pack of baby wipes was observed sitting on a shelf within children's reach, baby wipes were observed in two of the children's lockers located against the wall beside the entrance door and an Easter basket with plastic grass was sitting on the table beside the bathroom
Classroom E-one pack of baby wipes was observed sitting on the shelf within children's reach.

Discussed cutting the threads around the toilets in Classroom C and E and cleaning tools are out of the reach of the children.

Please dust the vents in the bathrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) - Discussed hazardous plants being kept in the classroom. Consultant emailed a copy of the Poisonous Plants information that can be found on the DECAL website.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) -Consultant discussed with the director ensuring that the fence measured four feet high around playgrounds and there are no gaps measuring over three and half inches

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure the plastic climbing equipment is free of cracks and remove any items that cannot be used on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on observation that on the Right Side Playground, the Ski Ball Game, the PGS Car and the Drum Set, were not bolted to the ground as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation, the following hazards:

Right Side Playground

- * Two active ant beds (one in front of the art easel hanging on the fence closest to the vehicles and one near the end of the building near the gate)
- * Screws sticking out of the PVC piping around the plastic climbing equipment
- * Exposed tree roots and pvc piping sticking up from the ground at the back right corner of the pvc piping around the plastic climbing equipment
- * Mushrooms near the PGS Car

Left Side Playground

- * Mushrooms located under the art easel hanging on the fence beside the parking lot
- * Screws sticking out of the PVC piping around the plastic climbing equipment
- * Ants were observed crawling along the PVC piping around the plastic climbing equipment
- * Standing water on the art easel where the paint cups sit and inside the plastic play house.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2024

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

Proper diapering procedures observed Classroom A and Classroom D.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Positive discussion was observed and discussed with staff on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure crib mattresses have a smooth surface, are nonporous and there are no cracks in the vinyl of the mattress.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation an infant asleep in a bouncy from the time 10:08 AM until 10:20 AM before the infant was moved to a crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2024

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.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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

Consultant and director discussed to add a third person when serving lunch to ensure supervision is being met.