



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/31/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Departure: 5:10 PM

CCLC-1949

Small World Day Care

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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. 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.
01/31/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/31/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/17/2023	Complaint Investigation & 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-1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	23	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-1st Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 2nd Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- Far Right-Front	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	33	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E- Far Right-Back		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 63		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Playground	53	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and to follow-up on previous visits conducted October 6, 2022 and May 30, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/31/2024

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!

Kathy Ray, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Consultant observed equipment and furniture to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Consultant observed parent agreements that were obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed parent authorizations obtained and completed.

Comment

Consultant observed records to be complete and well organized.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center Director stated no evening care hours are provided any longer.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed bathrooms to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be routinely met by the center.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

Ensure protective caps are on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children even in the lobby areas.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2024

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

Consultant observed playground to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed the center menu to meet USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed the kitchen to appear clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023

Corrected on 1/31/2024

.10(9) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant did not see any diapering areas used for food preparation during this visit.

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

Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center.

Comment

Consultant observed staff wash infant hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Ensure the Center submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2024

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed complete emergency drills. The last fire drill was conducted on January 16, 2024. The last lockdown drill was conducted on January 18, 2024. The last tornado drill was conducted on January 23, 2024.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed reporting requirements with the Center Director on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed hamsters in Classroom B-1st right to be maintained, cleaned, and appropriately caged.

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

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2023

Corrected on 1/31/2024

.11(2) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant did not observed any personnel physically abuse any child in the Center on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Consultant observed pleasant nap time environment.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on consultant observation the cots/mats lacked a bottom sheet covering in Classroom D- Far Right (front).

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that sheets are marked for individual use or washed daily and that marked sheets are washed at least weekly.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2024

Recited on 1/31/2024

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022

Corrected on 1/31/2024

.30(2) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant did not observe infants with pacifier clips or plush stuff animals in the cribs during this visit.

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 in Classroom A- First Left, one infant was observed sleeping in a bouncy seat.

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: 1/31/2024

Recited on 1/31/2024

Staff Records

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

Consultant observed criminal record checks to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed criminal records checks to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Consultant observed complete first aid kits in the center on this date.

Comment

Consultant observed evidence of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Not Met
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Comment

Discussed staff training. Please obtain required documentation.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of files that staff #15 did not complete the health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2024

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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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Comment

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

Comment

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