Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/28/2023 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
11/28/2023	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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	!L - Infants	Infants	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1R - 3's & 4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2L - 1's	One Year Olds	2	2	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2R - 2's	Two Year Olds	2	3	C	7	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Amount of Equipment Available		
Total # Children this Date: 19		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A All ages	22	C

Comments
An administrative review was conducted this November 28, 2023. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on November 28, 2023. The exit conference was conducted on November 28, 2023. Temporary License was issued on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance.

Fire inspection report and corrected lease needed to issue Renewable License.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/28/2023

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.decal.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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS

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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

Celithia Reams, Program Official Date

Twylah Tyner, Application Services Unit Consultant Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.12 - Ensure all toys and equipment are in good condition and as manufactured.

Comment
Equipment and furniture observed 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. No pool observed on site.

Facility

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

Comment
Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 53 children.

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.

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.25(6) - Ensure individual storage is accessible to children one-year-old and older.

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
591-1-1-.26 - Ensure no tripping or equipment hazards on playground.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment
Discussed proper medication documentation, storage and administration.

Safety

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment
Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Finding
591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined that three of five crib mattresses were not firm with a waterproof, washable cover.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The center will ensure that all crib mattresses are firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

Staff Records

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. All 12 staff had a comprehensive satisfactory criminal records check on file.

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

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**

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment
A supervision plan was created on this date for all classrooms due to the shape of the classrooms. Additionally, a supervision plan was created for the 2L classroom due to the location of the diaper changing table.

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.