



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/19/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 3:25 PM **Departure:** 5:15 PM

CCLC-19

Childcare Network #21

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
12/19/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/21/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
09/18/2023	Incident 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	Back Middle(infants)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Front Middle		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left Back		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left center	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Left Front		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Right Back	Six Year Olds and Over	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Snack,Outside
Main	Right Front		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 15						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left and Back	100	C
Main	Right front	27	C
Main	Right Middle	6	C

Comments

The consultant was unable to complete the follow up visit on December 19, 2023. A copy of this report was emailed to the center on December 27, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/19/2023

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Erica Chisholm, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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

Safety

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have a vehicle inspection for the bus with tag PB5 253. The center is currently using this bus for school transportation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection or cease use of the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2024

Recited on 12/19/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 12/19/2023

.36(4)(b) - The seat covers were in good condition on the bus the center is currently using for transportation.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have emergency medical vehicle forms for 5 of the 8 children transported to school during the week of December 11, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2024

Recited on 12/19/2023

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Corrected on 12/19/2023

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Criminal record checks were complete.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

Corrected on 12/19/2023

.31(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed a current inspection tag on the vehicle used for transportation.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that at approximately 3:35 p.m., 1 three-year-old and 1 four-year-old was housed in the classroom with two-year-olds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The administrative staff was informed of the ratio. The Center will maintain separation of older children with children under three years old unless it during times specified in the rules.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2023

Corrected on 12/19/2023

.32(7) -Observed adequate supervision on this date