



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/4/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:50 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-1114

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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.
10/04/2024	Complaint Closure	Deficient	
10/04/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/17/2024	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	Room 1	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	Room 10	GA PreK	2	14	C	26	C	36	C	Outside
Main	Room 11	GA PreK	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 12	GA PreK	2	12	C	22	C	31	C	Outside
Main	Room 13	One Year Olds	3	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	Room 14		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 2	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	Room 3	Infants	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	Room 4	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room 5	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room 6	One Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 7	Infants	5	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning, Feeding
Main	Room 8	Two Year Olds	3	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room 9	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 277	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 296
Total # Children this Date: 180	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 277	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 296

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1	62	C
Main	Playground 2	76	C

Comments

October 4, 2024--The Follow-up visit was conducted on this date. All corrections were observed from the previous visit conducted on September 17, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 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.al.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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

Defer

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024

Corrected on 10/4/2024

.25(13) -

Defer

The regulatory visit was conducted on September 17, 2024. The repairs are scheduled for October 11, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024

Corrected on 10/4/2024

Infants were observed to be held or in high chairs during feeding on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024

Corrected on 10/4/2024

The menu was reviewed. Chicken and rice took the place of meatballs on the menu.

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Provider that food shall be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes, and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024

Corrected on 10/4/2024
Lunch was being served during the visit. The Consultant spoke with each classroom three and under about sitting with children as they ate, so they could respond to a child in distress or prevent a choking incident.