



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/15/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:10 AM

Departure: 3:00 PM

CCLC-3947

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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.
08/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/08/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/20/2022	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	120 Fern	Infants	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	122 Virginia Creeper	Infants	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	124 Primrose	Infants	3	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Floor Play
Main	126 Lily	Infants	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	132 Holly	One Year Olds	3	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	134 Mulberry	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Diapering
Main	144 Red Bud	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	146 Dogwood	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	152 Maple	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	154 Sweet Gum	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	164 Willow	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Music,Diapering
Main	166 Laurel	One Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play
Main	176 redwood	GA PreK	2	19	C	26	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	178 Silver Bells		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	180 Birch	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	182 Chesnut	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	186 Elm	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside

Main	188 Hickory	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	192 Oak	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	194 Cypress	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Piazza 121-Infant		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Piazza 151-Toddler II		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Piazza Preschool		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	
Main	Piazza Toddler I		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 405

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 205

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 405

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG1-preschool/sa	46	C
Main	PG2-toddler	57	C
Main	PG3-toddler	23	C
Main	PG4-Infant/young toddler	43	C

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on August 15, 2023 with the Assistant Director Kayla Lewis. Background checks were all reviewed on August 15, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/15/2023

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.al.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!

Lasheenia Fields, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, Regional Consultant

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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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director that a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - The Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director taping down the humidifier cords in the Oak (192) and Cypress (194) classroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

166 Laurel

-Unraveling rub on the front edge.

186 Elm

- Chipped paint/drywall on the wall to the right of the restroom.

192 Oak

- A protruding nail on the block area wall.

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: 8/29/2023

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

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to paint the yellow tricycle on playground PG3-toddler.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director removing the pinecones from playground PG2-toddler.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.07(5) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that Center Staff must not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2023

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**

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.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - The Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2023

Staff Records

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that all independent contractors and or volunteers who work less than once every 90 days or other individuals who do not require a CBC must be supervised at all times by center staff.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2023

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

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