



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/4/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-586

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/04/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/06/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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
First	Room A	Three Year Olds	1	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
First	Room B	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
First	Room C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
First	Room E	Infants	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			46		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Second	Pre-K	GA PreK	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			22		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Third	3's		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			12		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Total # Children this Date: 63			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
First	Playground (Front)	23	C
Second	Pre-K Playground	15	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Licensing Study. The center provides routine transportation and the vehicle and logs were reviewed on this date.

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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Danielle Anderson, Program Official

Date

Jerica Davis, Consultant

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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

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.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2022

Corrected on 5/4/2023

.26(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate resilient surfacing was observed on this date.

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2022

Corrected on 5/4/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All transportation records reviewed were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2022

Corrected on 5/4/2023

.36(7)(d)1. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All transportation records reviewed were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2022

Corrected on 5/4/2023

.36(7)(d)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All transportation records reviewed were observed to be complete.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Please ensure crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. An "Infant" refers to any child under the age of twelve (12) months or any child who is under eighteen (18) months of age who is not walking.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2023

Staff Records

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that three lead teachers, staff member # 1 and staff member # 10, did not have a credential to meet the academic requirement for a lead teacher as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff are enrolled in a program to obtain a credential. The center will ensure verification of enrollment in the program is on file.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2023**Recited on 5/4/2023**

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Technical Assistance

Discussed naptime ratios. Please ensure all ratios are met during nap time.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

