



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/14/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:10 AM

Departure: 2:10 PM

CCLC-32681

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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.
11/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/23/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/07/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
			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	A, right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch, Nap
Main	B, middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning, Nap
Main	C, left	Infants	1	3	C	5	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 14					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	21	C

Comments

A monitoring visit was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/14/2022

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



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!

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)

Felshica Gadson-Fagins, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, 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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022

Corrected on 11/14/2022

.03(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Daily schedules were posted in the classrooms.

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that there were no current lesson plans available for review.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022

Recited on 11/14/2022

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

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.

Facility

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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 17 ceiling tiles in the childcare center were damaged with brown water spots. In addition, there was small black spots on three of the tiles. Also there were two holes in the ceiling and the attic installation was exposed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center has contacted the building owner and the owner stated the repairs will be completed within seven days.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed raking the sand that has accumulated against the fence by the gate to ensure the fence is four feet in height. Also monitor the slide to ensure it properly anchored.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that two cut wires from the cable box were laying on the ground by the back door.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center has contacted someone who will have the wires moved by the end of the day. The center will ensure the wires are inaccessible to the children until they are removed.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Center does not dispense or administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion observed.

Comment

Currently the Center is not providing routine transportation.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022

Corrected on 11/14/2022

.36(4)(c) - The previous citation is corrected. The center is not providing transportation services.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/2022	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/08/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/15/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 02/11/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 06/14/2022	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Defer
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Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Annual training for the year 2021 was evaluated on January 27, 2022. Annual training for the year 2022 will be evaluated during the next visit of the new year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The director will ensure all staff has completed the required ten hours of training by December 31 2022.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.