



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/5/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 2:30 PM **Departure:** 4:10 PM

CCLC-33320

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Quality Rated: No

<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.
01/05/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/05/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/29/2022	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	Up 1st Left	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	7	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning,Na p
Main	Up 2nd Left	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 21			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Two	Back Left	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Diapering,Fr ee Play
Two	Back Right	Infants	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play
Two	Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Circle Time
Two	Right	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 49			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 50		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 70			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	9	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

Consultant conducted an in-person complaint investigation with the director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/05/2023

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.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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Ladesha Jenkins, Program Official

Date

Verlyn Gant, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2022

Corrected on 1/5/2023

.08(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of documentation the children's enrollment files included the child's primary source of health care, the parent's work details, the name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached and the release person's address as required..

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2022

Corrected on 1/5/2023

.25(8) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation all unused electrical outlets within children's reach had protective caps, as required.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/5/2022****Corrected on 1/5/2023**

.10(4) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion with staff members the diaper changing surface is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel as required.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/5/2022****Corrected on 1/5/2023**

.17(7) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion with staff members staff wipe or wash children's hands after diapering as required.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/5/2022****Corrected on 1/5/2023**

.09(1)(j) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records staff members issued determination letters had been electronically ported as required.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that upon the consultants arrival at the center there was a Staff:child ratio of 2:9 in the Back Right infant classroom. The consultant observed as a staff member stepped out of the classroom and closed the classroom door behind them, leaving a Staff:child ratio of 1:9 when a Staff:child ratio of 2:9 was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

observed

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2023