



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

Date: 4/13/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-128

Sheltering Arms - Longview Drive Center

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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.
04/13/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/03/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/07/2021	Licensing Study	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	#1	Infants and One Year Olds	2	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	#2	Infants and One Year Olds	2	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	#3	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	#4	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	#5	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	#6	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	#7	GA PreK	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	#8	GA PreK	2	14	C	27	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	#9	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	20	10	C	27	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	1A		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA		
Main	2A		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					195	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date:			74	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			195	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	26	C
Main	Infant/Toddler	22	C
Main	Middle	41	C

Comments

The Consultant completed exit conference by phone and a copy of Licensing Study visit report was electronically emailed to the Program.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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)

Crystal Banks, Program Official

Date

Tomekia Hudson, Consultant

Date



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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

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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.

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**

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.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 57

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/10/2022	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/26/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/1991	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2021	

Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 02/19/2018	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 03/28/2019	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 02/24/2020	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 12/25/2017	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 06/21/2021	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 05/30/2019	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 06/21/2021	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/27/2018	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 02/03/2015	Met
Staff # 28	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 03/28/2022	Met

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 30	Met
Staff # 31	Met
Staff # 32	Met
Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2019	
Staff # 34	Met
Staff # 35	Met
Staff # 36	Met
Date of Hire: 10/23/2017	
Staff # 37	Met
Date of Hire: 07/21/1997	
Staff # 38	Met
Date of Hire: 07/24/2017	
Staff # 39	Met
Staff # 40	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 41	Met
Staff # 42	Met
Staff # 43	Met
Staff # 44	Met
Staff # 45	Met
Staff # 46	Met
Date of Hire: 06/21/2021	
Staff # 47	Met
Staff # 48	Met
Date of Hire: 02/16/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 49	Met

Records Reviewed: 57

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 50	Met
Staff # 51	Met
Staff # 52	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	
Staff # 53	Met
Staff # 54	Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2000	
Staff # 55	Met
Date of Hire: 06/14/2019	
Staff # 56	Met
Staff # 57	Met
Date of Hire: 01/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

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