



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/15/2023 **VisitType:** TA Follow Up

Arrival: 1:00 PM

Departure: 2:15 PM

CCLC-35667

**Technical Assistance Unit
Consultant**

Tender Years Learning Center #12

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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.
08/15/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/26/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/12/2023	TA 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	Max 35 SF.	Max 25 SF.
Main	Left Ft- infants	Infants	6	NA
Main	Lt Bk - 3+		18	24
Main	Lt Center-Pre-K	GA PreK	23	32
Main	Rt Bk - 3's	Three Year Olds	15	NA
Main	Rt ft - 1 yr	One Year Olds	15	NA
Main	Rt mid- 2 yrs	Two Year Olds	18	NA
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 110	
Total # Children this Date: 30		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 110	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Main	Large Playground	97
Main	Toddler Playground	178

Comments

The purpose of the visit was for coaching and mock TA instruction. The TA consultant reviewed the last monitoring visit completed with the director and discussed the TA suggestions added by the regulatory consultant. TA consultant completed a Mock TA visit and discussed the online training through Ollie with the director. The last visit was scheduled for September 14th at 10:00am.

Strength Based TA

Plan of Improvement:

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

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 user id 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Lylai Lee, Program Official

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Facility

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S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that hazardous equipment and materials are stored in a locked area inaccessible to children in care.

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1	The Director will purchase soap that is not labeled Keep Out of Reach of children for use in the center.	Director	08/15/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Health and Hygiene

Rule: 591-1-1-.17(8) - (8) Handwashing, Staff. Personnel shall wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water:

immediately upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, and upon re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, ointments, creams or lotions, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, and assisting children with eating and drinking; after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, and handling bodily fluids, such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood; and after contamination by any other means.

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