



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

Date: 8/15/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:20 AM

Departure: 12:25 PM

CCLC-33581

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Quality Rated: No

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.
08/15/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/06/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/29/2021	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	Dn 10 - 1st Lt-Toddler 2-1/2	Two Year Olds	3	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Dn 5 - 1st Rt	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Dn 6 - 2nd Rt	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Dn 7 - 3rd Rt	Two Year Olds	3	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Dn 8 - 4th Rt	One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Dn 9 - 2nd Lt	Infants	3	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Up 1 - 1st Lt	Infants	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	Up 2 - 2nd Lt	One Year Olds	3	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside, Centers
Main	Up 3 - 2nd Rt	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Up 4 - 1st Rt After-School	PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 94

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PLAYGROUND	96	C

Comments

A on-site inspection was conducted on August 15, 2022 with the Assistant Director Stephanie Post. An Administrative Review was conducted on August 22, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

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)

Anna Kelly, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, 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.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Room 7

- Mickey Mouse rug edges curving up on left side.
- Plastic grocery bag observed under unlocked changing table.
- Ointment/lotions observed under unlocked changing table.
- Broom/dust pan accessible.
- cell phone cords hanging by entrance door on the left side.

Room 8

- Cell phone cords hanging from plug.
- Seventh generation soap observed under unlocked changing table.

Room 9

- Hanging refridgerator cord.
- Mickey Mouse rug edges curving up on left side.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed with Assistant Director SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 34**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/17/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/30/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2009	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 04/17/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2013	
Staff # 11	Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2018

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2021

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 03/08/2017

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 03/09/2015

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2020

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 10/15/2018

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/2013

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2012

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 12/16/2015

Staff # 26 Met

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2018

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2013

Records Reviewed: 34

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 09/18/2012	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 04/23/2018	Met
Staff # 31	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 09/03/2019	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 09/18/2012	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 10/05/2015	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 19

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Comment

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