



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/8/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-17693

Childcare Network #89

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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. 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.
03/08/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/15/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/10/2022	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	A-infant	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	B-1's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C-2's	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	D-PreK	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	26	C	37	C	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	E-After School		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	
Main	F-PreK	GA PreK	2	20	C	27	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G-PreK		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	
Main	H-2's		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-2's	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220					
Total # Children this Date: 69			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-infant/Tod	55	C
Main	Playground B-PreK	62	C

Main	Playground C-school-age	121	C
Main	Playground D	29	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to complete a Monitoring Visit. The program does not provide swimming activities or administer medications. Transportation was reviewed during the visit. Criminal Record Checks were observed complete. Due to an internal system error the visit was unable to be completed until 4/18/2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/08/2023

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.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

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

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the following equipment was hazardous:

- The clear blue blocks in Classroom C had holes in the corners with rough, sharp edges that presented a potential hazard to the children in care.
- The clear blue blocks in Classroom I had holes in the corners with rough, sharp edges that presented a potential hazard to the children in care.
- The red vinyl chair and couch in the reading area had several holes with exposed foam making the equipment no longer able to be kept clean as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The equipment was removed from the play areas during the visit. The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant.

The consultant spoke with center staff about ensuring that bathrooms in the afterschool classrooms are cleaned daily as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023

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) - The consultant spoke with center staff about ensuring that brooms are stored inaccessible to the children in care. A broom was observed accessible to the Pre-K children in classroom D. Center staff moved the broom and stored it inaccessible to the children during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that there was a six-inch by two-inch hole at the bottom of the far fence on the preschool playground and a five-inch by six-inch hole at the bottom of the fence on the preschool playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A work order for repair was submitted to the Corporate Office during the visit on this date. The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2023**Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022****Corrected on 3/8/2023**

.26(6) - This citation has been corrected. The program replaced the plexiglass dome that was cracked and the dome no longer presents a hazard to the children in care.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 3/8/2023

.09(1)(j) - This citation was corrected on this date. The program provided six files for employees hired since the last visit. Criminal Records Checks were observed complete.

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on a review of records that the current Director had completed the CDA course, but does not have an official CDA issued by the Council for Professional Recognition.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2023

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.