



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

Date: 9/28/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-22864

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

<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.
09/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/07/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/13/2021	Complaint Closure	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	Back Left-Rm D	Infants	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Lunch
Main	Back Middle-Rm C		0	0	C	11	C	16	C	
Main	Back Right- Rm B	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	First Right-Rm A	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 61							
Total # Children this Date: 32			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 61							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only	142	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a Monitoring Visit. The Director, Tiffany Evans, stated that the program does not administer medication or provide swimming activities.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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



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)

Tiffany Evans, Program Official

Date

Laura Johnson, Consultant

Date



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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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that only 15 out of 17 children were signed in for arrival at the center on this date in Classroom A and only eight out of nine children were signed in at arrival time in Classroom B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director stated that she is trying to get parents back on track with signing the children in and out each day as required. The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Recited on 9/28/2022

Facility**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****Correction Deadline: 4/15/2022****Corrected on 9/28/2022****.26(9) - This citation was corrected. No hazards were observed on the playground on this date.****Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2022**Corrected on 9/28/2022****.10(4) - This citation was corrected. All changing surfaces were observed to be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls as required.****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.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2022**Corrected on 9/28/2022****.36(4)(b) - This citation was corrected on this date. Interior seats for the transportation van were observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.****Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that five out of six crib mattresses reviewed had large tears and holes causing them to no longer be waterproof as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director provided proof that new crib mattresses have already been ordered. The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2022

Corrected on 9/28/2022

.30(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Appropriate infant safe sleep was observed in the program during a visit on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/30/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 03/28/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/05/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/24/2015	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/06/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/28/2016	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/25/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 05/11/2022	

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 04/14/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employee hired since the last visit.

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.