



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/24/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:15 PM **Departure:** 3:40 PM

CCLC-35528

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/24/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/03/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/07/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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-infants-1 yr	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
MAIN	B-1 & 2 yrs	One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
MAIN	C - Infants	Two Year Olds	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
MAIN	D-PreK (4+)	GA PreK	2	15	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap
MAIN	E-3+	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 53			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
MAIN	A-Left	41	C
MAIN	B-Back	73	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a Monitoring Visit. The Director, Cathy Green, stated that the program does not administer medications or provide swimming activities. Transportation training was observed complete. The Director provided staff files for three employees hired since the last visit. Criminal Records Check Determinations were observed complete on his date. The exit interview was conducted with Cathy Green on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/24/2023

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Cathy Green, 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.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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)**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.

The consultant spoke with the Director about ensuring that cleaning supplies are not accessible to the children in care. One aerosol can of Glade Air Freshener was located beside the hand washing sink in Classroom C. The aerosol can was removed during the visit and children were napping at the time of the inspection.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023

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 gap at the bottom of the double gate doors located on the Toddler Playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director stated that the lawn care company used by the program caused the gap. The Director stated that repairs would be made to the fence gates. 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: 2/24/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8)- The consultant spoke with the Director about redistributing the mulch on the Pre-K Playground to the fall zone areas and under swinging equipment. Due to severe weather in the area, the Director stated that the children have not been on the playground this week due to standing water.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - The consultant spoke with the Director about removing the sticks and pine cones from the back of the Pre-K playground to ensure they do not present a hazard to the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/7/2022****Corrected on 1/24/2023**

.15(2)(c) - This citation was corrected on this date. No cereal was observed in baby bottles on this date.

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**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that one infant was observed sleeping in a crib and the sheet was not tight-fitting as required. Additionally, one unoccupied crib in the infant room had a sheet with two observed holes in the sheet.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. The sheet was replaced while the consultant made observations.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023**Recited on 1/24/2023****Staff Records**

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

Director provided three files for employees hired since the last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/21/2023****Corrected on 1/24/2023**

.14(1) - This citation was corrected. At least 50% of staff had evidence of certification in CPR/First Aid.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/30/2023**

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.33(5) - This citation was corrected on this date. The Director provided at least ten hours of annual training for 2022 for all employees that had been employed with the program for more than one year.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that Classroom A had one staff member, six infants, and one 1-year-old child present and required a staff:child ratio of 2:7. Additionally, Classroom C had one staff member and eleven 2-year-old children present and required a staff:child ratio of 2:11 on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023

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

Met

Comment

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