



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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Date: 6/23/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-13339

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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.
06/23/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/01/2022	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
01/18/2022	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 1R	Infants	1	2	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B 2R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C 3R	One Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D 4R	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E 5R	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F 6R	Five Year Olds	1	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G Bk End		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H 4L		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I 3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J 2L	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K 1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 80			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	68	C
Main	Playground B	145	C
Main	Playground C	60	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to complete a monitoring visit

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/23/2023

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).

	<p>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,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
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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)

	
<p>Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!</p>	

Krista Whitney, Program Official

Date

Sherra Jones, Regional Consultant

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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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2022

Corrected on 6/23/2023

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

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 that in classroom B2R, window cleaning solution, air freshener, bleach water with soap in a dispenser were observed to be stored in an unlocked cabinet, accessible to the children. Also in the same classroom, a bucket of water with cleaning solution and mop were observed in the classroom and accessible to children. In classroom F 6R, a black bag was observed on the floor with two containers of sunscreen and body spray.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/1/2022****Corrected on 6/23/2023****.29(3) -****Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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.

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.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2022

**Corrected on 6/23/2023
.14(2) -**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.