



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/19/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/19/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/18/2022	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- 6wks - 1 yr	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Art,Free Play
Main	B - 1yr - 4 yr	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Art,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			22		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 10			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 6wks - 4 yrs	12	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up on previously cited rule violations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/19/2023

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

Chandra Wright, Program Official

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Rena Keene, 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.35(7) requires wading pools to be cleaned and filled with clean water for each day's usage and emptied when not in use. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that two wading pool less than two feet in depth was on the playground and contained standing water that had not been emptied. One pool was partially collapsed, but still held some water that pose a safety hazard to the children. The Director stated that the pools had not been used since June 30, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will clean, empty, and refill the wading pool(s) as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Evening Care

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

Met

Comment

The Director stated that no evening care is being provided at this time.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. Please secure the rug that is not laying flat on the floor between the rear classroom and the bathroom. The rug is buckeled and poses a tripping hazard to the children in addition to not being tight, smooth and cleanable.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2023

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

Corrected on 7/19/2023

.25(3) - The screens that were on the front windows have been removed and the center is no longer opening the windows while children are present. The windows were observed to be locked. The toilet seat remains broken and the director stated that the landlord has been advised of the problem, but has been sick and unable to male the repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please remove the toilet seat from the bathroom until a new one can be installed.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(7) requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that the door to the kitchen was open to Classroom at the back of the building where six children who were three years of age and older were present. Just inside the kitchen door, a butcher knife was observed on top of the counter that was adjacent to the door and within the reach of children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check and ensure that doors to unapproved rooms remain latched or locked and that Staff can open the locked rooms in an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

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

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. Although the gate was observed to be closed and latched, the latch is inadequate to prevent older children from opening the gate. A padlock was attached to the gate, but was not being used. Please install a reliable method to secure the gate.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that equipment on the playground was not maintained so as not to pose a safety hazard to children using the playground. Parts to a new piece of equipment was laying on the ground, unassembled with the parts scattered and accessible to to children, but in an unusable condition. A plastic picnic table was also observed that was equipped with an umbrella that had been damaged and inverted with spikes exposed that were accessible to the children. The sand/water table also was observed to have standing water.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that the grass on the playground was overgrown and in need of mowing. Weeds were also observed to be extremely overgrown around the perimeter of the fence and growing through the unassembled equipment, some of which were still in boxes that had become partially decomposed. The door to the playground could not be easily opened due to the overgrowth of the grass and weeds that jammed the door when trying to enter or exit the building.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and ensure that the playground is maintained in a usable and safe condition.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Corrected on 7/19/2023

.30(2) - No hazards were observed in and around the sleeping equipment in use during the visit.

Staff Records

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of staff records and staff statements that the Director and staff had not received current hands-on certification in CPR as required. The staff had obtained certificates through an on-line provider and had not received in-person training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on Consultant's observation and staff statements that the two teachers present in the classroom did not possess the minimum academic requirements for a lead teacher. Both employees were hired on August 13, 2021, and had not pursued any training that would qualify them to serve as lead teachers.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that a two-year-old child was present in the classroom with children who were three years of age and older other than the first and last hour of the day.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain Staff:child ratios based on the youngest child in the group during early morning and late afternoon times when children younger than three years of age may be grouped with older children.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Comment

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