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Date: 3/28/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-3331

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/28/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/19/2022	Licensing Study	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
II	Pre-K A	GA PreK	1	11	C	23	C	32	C	Centers,Free Play
II	Pre-K B		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 160				
Main	Home School		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	One's		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Pre-K #3	GA PreK	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	Private Pre-K		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	Three's	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	Two's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	3	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 160				
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 160				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	115	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was a licensing visit. The childcare center does carry liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.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.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08 - Based on the review of the documentation, the child care center's digital system does not allow parents to add work addresses, and therefore the documents were not available for review. It is recommended that paper enrollment packets be completed for each enrolled child to ensure that all required information can be reviewed.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(3) - Based on the observation of the playground. The route to the playground from the main building to the outside had some cleaning tools such as a rake and a broom in the corner away from the walkway. It is recommended that these items be removed.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2023**Correction Deadline: 9/26/2022****Corrected on 3/28/2023**

.26(4) - Based on the observation of the playground, the fence in the back of the playground has been replaced with a new fence that is more than the required 48 inches high. The gates were observed to be closed.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2022**Corrected on 3/28/2023**

.26(9) - Based on the observation of the playground, the wooden borders did not have exposed nails and no hazards were observed.

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing was discussed and determined to be appropriate. It was reported that all toddler children were potty trained.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Please ensure that parent handbooks include all of the rules and standards that are required by Bright from the Start.

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.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.