



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/20/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-3249

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/20/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
03/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/13/2022	Complaint Closure	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	B 2nd L	One Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C 3rd Left	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D 4th Left	Two Year Olds	1	2	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E 5th Left	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F 6th Left	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	ROOM A	One Year Olds	1	1	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
New Bldg	G 1st Right	One Year Olds	1	2	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
New Bldg	H 2nd Right	Infants	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
New Bldg	I 1st Left	One Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
New Bldg	J 2nd Left	Two Year Olds	1	11	NC	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
New Bldg	Multipurpose Room		0	0	C	92	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
New Bldg.	K-3rd Right	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
New Bldg.	L -2nd R	Six Year Olds and Over	2	22	C	18	NC	NA	NA	Centers
New Bldg.	M-1st R		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Youth Chapel	Room A		0	0	C	119	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Youth Chapel	Room B		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 79

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 468

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Plan developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/20/2023

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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined by consultants observation in room J three shelves were turned around up against the wall not allowing children access to the materials.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2023

Recited on 6/20/2023

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined by observation room L had three staff and 22 school age children. Room L capacity was 18.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2023

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 by consultants observation the following hazards were accessible to children.

Room B

-unlocked closet door with hazardous material accessible to children

Room C

-unlocked closet door with hazardous material accessible to children

Room E

-teacher pink personal bag

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: 6/20/2023

Recited on 6/20/2023

Food Service

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2)(a) requires Center Personnel to hold and feed infants less than six months of age and older children who cannot hold their own bottles or sit alone. Baby bottles shall never be propped; the infant's head shall be elevated while feeding. It was determined based on observation in room G a infant was in the swing drinking a bottle propped up on a blanket.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to hold infants less than six months old or who can not hold their own bottle, to never prop bottles and to elevate infant's heads during feeding. The director will monitor Staff to ensure appropriate feeding procedures are followed.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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 room J had one staff to 11 two-year-olds.

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: 6/20/2023

