



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/9/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:25 AM

Departure: 12:35 PM

CCLC-3080

First United Methodist Church Early Childhood Academy

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Quality Rated: No

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.
11/09/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/23/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	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	Room A 1st R Hall 1st R Room	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
Main	Room B 1st R Hall 2nd R Room	Two Year Olds	3	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
Main	Room C 1st R Hall 3rd R Room	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
Main	Room D 1st R Hall 4th R Room	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Transitioning, Floor Play
Main	Room E Back Hall Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room F Back Hall Left		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room G 2nd R Hall 4th L Room	One Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Transitioning, Story
Main	Room H 2nd R Hall 3rd L Room	Infants	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap, Feeding, Floor Play
Main	Room I 2nd R Hall 2nd L Room	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story, Lunch, Transitioning
Main	Room J 2nd R Hall 1st L Room	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Story

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request
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Total # Children this Date: 75	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1 Preschool (left)	52	C
Main	2 Toddler (middle)	15	C
Main	3 Infants/Ones/Twos (Right)	12	C

Comments

Director provided nine file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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.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,

- 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



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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Kendyl May, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, 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

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2022**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 29****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 03/09/2022

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2005

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 04/11/2022

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 11/07/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2014

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 05/31/2022

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/26/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 05/03/2022

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2017

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 04/09/2018

Records Reviewed: 29**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 10/13/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hire</u>
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 11/01/2021	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 11/08/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hire</u>
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 05/17/2022	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 10/21/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hire</u>
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 04/05/2022	Met
Staff # 29	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided nine] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.