



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/23/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-50823

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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.
05/23/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/17/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/07/2023	Complaint Investigation & 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	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Floor Play
Main	E	GA PreK	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transitioning
Main	I	GA PreK	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J	GA PreK	2	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 144					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	21	C
Main	B	50	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a complaint investigation/ follow up visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/23/2023

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).



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!

Holly Mullins, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, Consultant

Date



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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Corrected on 5/23/2023

.03(8) - Previous citation observed corrected in that center staff responded appropriately to children's distress signals on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Corrected on 5/23/2023

.03(9) - Previous citation observed corrected in that appropriate activities were conducted with the children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2023

Corrected on 5/23/2023

.12(2) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the hazardous equipment and furniture had been repaired.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined, based on review of records, that Child # 1, and Child # 4, were lacking the addresses for the parents' employers on this date. It was further determined that Child #1 were lacking the phone numbers for the parents' employer.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023**Recited on 5/23/2023**

Facility

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 based on the consultant's observation that the following potential hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

- Room G - The classroom closet door was unlocked and contained the following hazards: Broom, and Dust Pan, Two bottles of glass cleaner, a container of Lysol wipes, Air Wack Air Freshener, Germ x Hand Sanitizer, a bottle of disinfecting spray, and a soap bottle.
- Room H- The classroom closet door was unlocked and contained the following hazards: Broom and Dust Pan, a pack of Lysol Wipes, and 2 containers of Clorox Wipes.

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: 5/23/2023**Recited on 5/23/2023****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that in Room I, the partition between the two handwashing sinks was observed to have the front bottom corner broken with sharp edges on this date. It was further determined based on the consultant's observation that in Room G, the wall beside the storage closet is peeling and not in good repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023

Recited on 5/23/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 5/23/2023

.30(2)(c) - Previous citation observed corrected in that infants were observed sleeping in safety approved cribs 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.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)5. - On this date the consultant and director discussed that teachers/lead caregivers are able to perform adequately the job duties of providing care and supervision of the children enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2023