



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/17/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/21/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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
Building A	Room A Second Right School Age Classroom		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room B Far Back 3-4-Year-Old Classroom	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building A	Room C Second Left 1-2 Year-Old Classroom	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building A	Room D First Left School Age Classroom		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Building A	Room E First Right After School		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Total # Children this Date: 15			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/17/2023

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.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

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

Chandra Varner, Program Official

Date

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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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the wooden shelves in Room B do not pose a falling hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.08(1) - Citation corrected.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Technical Assistance

Consultant disucssed the window seal next to the meter box was chipping wood and paint and in need of repair.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2023

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 based on observation that in Room B a broom and dust pan was accessible next to the sink and in Room C baby wipes that read "suffocation" hazard were on the diapering station and shelf within reach.

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: 5/17/2023

Recited on 5/17/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(3) requires that the playground be adjacent to the Center or in an area which can be reached by a safe route or method approved by the Department. Except in School-age Centers, the playground shall have shaded areas. r. It was determined based on observation that the weoden on the ramp leading to the porch, and at the porch where the gate is located leading up from the playground was chipping wood and paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify a safe route or method to reach any non-adjacent playground and submit it for approval. The Center will install structures to provide shade if there is not sufficient natural shade on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2023

Recited on 5/17/2023

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.26(7) - Citation corrected.

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 observation that limbs were present on both playgrounds. It was further determined that on large playground vines were growing throgh the metal fencing, and loose concrete was next to the gate.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. ,

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2023

Recited on 5/17/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. It was determined based on a review of the center menu that meatballs were served on May 16, 2023

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor food served and accessible to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023**Recited on 5/17/2023**

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that items in the kitchen freezer were stored and not labeled as to their contents.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022****Corrected on 5/17/2023****.17(7) - Citation corrected.**

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/26/2022****Corrected on 5/17/2023****.16(f) - Citation corrected.**

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023
.21(p) - Citation corrected.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that transportation agreements list times.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023
.36(3)(a-b) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023
.36(4)(a) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023
.36(4)(b) - Citation corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on a review of records that on March 31, 2023 during afternoon transportation from Cowan Elementary and Atkinson Elementary no first check was completed of the center van.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2023

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.

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.30(4) - Citation corrected.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.09(1)(j) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.14(2) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.24(1) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.33(1) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.33(3) - Citation corrected.

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.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2022

Corrected on 5/17/2023

.32(7) - Citation observed to be corrected.