



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/18/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-889

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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.
05/18/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/05/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/15/2022	Incident 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	1st Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Diapering
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Music
Main	Back Left	GA PreK	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Back Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Middle	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 71					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	74	C
Main	Back Playground	74	C
Main	Right Front Playground	16	C

Comments

Consultant conducted an onsite monitoring visit on May 18, 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.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!

Gloria Johnson, Program Official

Date

Kajora McCoy, Consultant

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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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure that all shelves are in good condition.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2023

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that there were cracked floor tiles in the kitchen around the drain and under the sink.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

Recited on 5/18/2023

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 the following hazards were observed:

Middle:

- There was a mop in the bathroom.
- There was a bucket containing packs of wipes and gloves on the bathroom floor.

Back Left:

- There was a bucket containing antibacterial wipes and baby wipes on a shelf near the block area.
- There was a roll of plastic trash bags on a shelf near the block area.

Back Right:

- There was a roll of plastic trash bags and a box of vinyl gloves on a shelf next to the cubby storage.

2nd Right:

- There was a broom and a plunger in the bathroom.
 - There was a bucket that contained baby wipes, diaper rash creamy, and vinyl gloves next to the sink.
 - There was a container of Vaseline and a pack of baby wipes on the diaper changing table.
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Correction Deadline: 5/18/2023

Recited on 5/18/2023

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 observation that the flooring throughout the center was not kept clean. It was further determined that the back wall of the Back Right classroom had peeling paint.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

Recited on 5/18/2023

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that playground equipment is free of rust.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please spray paint tree roots.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2023

.15(2) - This citation was corrected on this date, Infant feeding plans for all infants were observed to be complete and updated.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - Please ensure that children wash hands before and after meals.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2023

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Organization

591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations**Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2023

.37(d) - This citation was corrected on this date.Center had not reported any injuries to the department.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of records that two of sixteen children had no or incomplete transportation authorization.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2023

Recited on 5/18/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Please ensure that all children being transported by the center has a completed vehicle emergency form.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of documents that the following were missing:

- There was no load or unload indicated for five children being transported on the afternoon route from Hightower Elementary on May 4, 2023 and May 5, 2023.
 - There was no load or unload indicated for five children being transported on the afternoon route from Hightower Elementary on May 11, 2023 and May 12, 2023.
 - There was no load or unload indicated for four children being transported from C.J. Hicks Elementary on the afternoon route on May 11, 2023 and May 12, 2023.
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Correction Deadline: 5/19/2023

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 after a review of documents that the following first checks were not indicated on the transportation checklist:

- Five children that were transported on the afternoon route from Hightower Elementary on May 12, 2023.
- Five children that were transported on the afternoon route from Hightower Elementary on May 4, 2023 and May 5, 2023.
- Two children that were transported from C.J. Hicks Elementary on the afternoon route on May 12, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person 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; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined after a review of documents that the following second checks were not indicated on the transportation checklist:

- Five children that were transported on the afternoon route from Hightower Elementary on May 12, 2023.
- Two children that were transported on the afternoon route from C.J. Hicks Elementary on May 12, 2023.
- Five children that were transported on the afternoon route from Hightower Elementary on May 4, 2023 and May 5, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Met

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Not Met

- Staff #7
- Staff #9
- Staff #10
- Staff #16
- Staff #20

Not Met

.33(1) - This citation was corrected on this date. Center orientation was observed for all staff.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of staff files that staff #10 did not complete the health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2023

Recited on 5/18/2023

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2023

.33(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. Nutrition training was observed for the cook and director.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2023

.32(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Operating classrooms were observed to have appropriate ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.