



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/25/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:55 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

CCLC-50203

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
07/25/2023	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/17/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
08/08/2022	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	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	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play,Nap,Diapering
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	C	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	34	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground	155	C
Main	Small Playground	22	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/25/2023

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!

Ashley Hanson, Program Official

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

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2022

Corrected on 7/25/2023

.12(8) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed toys for children under three years of age to be easily cleaned on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2022

Corrected on 7/25/2023

.25(13) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe hazards accessible to children on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined, based on observation, that vines were observed to be growing through and down the fences surrounding the Small Playground on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2023

Recited on 7/25/2023

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2022

Corrected on 7/25/2023

.25(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris, and in good repair on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon observation that the PVC barriers on the Large Playground were broken with exposed sharp edges.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2023

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2022

Corrected on 7/25/2023

.26(9) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe any hazards on the playgrounds on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

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

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2022

Corrected on 7/25/2023

.36(4)(a) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of a current annual safety check for the vehicle on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2022

Corrected on 7/25/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completes transportation documentation on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based upon a review of records that Staff #4 and Staff #9 did not submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site and were present working in Classroom C on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch the videos to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will watch the videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based upon a review of records that Staff #4 and Staff #9 did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present in Classroom C on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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Correction Deadline: 7/25/2023

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.31(2)(a)-Citation deferred. Will observe during next licensing study.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate a qualified lead staff for this group.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

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.