



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334
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Date: 8/16/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM

Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-16411

Discovery Point #40

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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.
08/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/26/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/07/2022	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-1L-6wks-10 mnths	Infants	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play
Main	B-2L-11-18 mnths		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-3L-18-24 mnths		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-Cafe-S/A		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-1R-2 years	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	F-2R- 3 years	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	G-3R- Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H-4R-Pre-K	GA PreK	2	18	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside, Centers
Main	I-back middle-Pre-K	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	36	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 222			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-6wks-24mnths	36	C

Main	Playground B-2-5 years	93	C
Main	Playground C-S/A	67	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. Staff files and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

A satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is valid for five years provided that: the employee's records check clearance date is within the preceding 12 months of his/her hire date at the center, and employees has not had a break in service from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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!

Linda Rack, Program Official

Date

Amanda Schofield, Regional 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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Per provider 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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2023

Corrected on 8/16/2023

.25(13) - The consultant observed that no hazardous items were present or accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2023

Corrected on 8/16/2023

.26(8) - Correction was observed on this date. Consultant observed six inches of resilient surfacing 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)

Met

Comment

Per provider the center does not currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2023

Corrected on 8/16/2023

.36(7)(b) - Correction was observed on this date. Consultant observed that all children transported during the week of August 14th had emergency medical information on file.

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)

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2023

Corrected on 8/16/2023

.31(2)(c) - Correction was observed on this date. After review of records, consultant observed that staff #8 date of hire August 1, 2022 has required documentation on file.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.