



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/5/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:00 PM

Departure: 2:30 PM

CCLC-3023

Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center of Buckhead

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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.
11/05/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/03/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
07/01/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	1:1L Infant I	Infants	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	10:2R down PII	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	11:1R down PreK	GA PreK	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2:2L Toddler I		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	3:3L T Tots	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4:1R Infant II	Infants	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	5:2R Toddler II	One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	6:6R down EPI	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	7:5R down EPII	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	8:4R down EPIII		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	9:3R down PI	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 170						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 62						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 170				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Preschool	66	C
Main	Toddler	21	C

Comments


A virtual inspection was conducted on November 5, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consultant provided flyers regarding the CCLC Virtual Core Rules Refresher Sessions, OLLI Beyond th Rules and ActiveSupervision training.

REMINDER: STABLE 4WARD application will remain open until November 8th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.



Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/05/2021

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

Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
 Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Barbara Collins Hopkins, 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**

Comment

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

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children at all times.

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was one inch of resilient surface around the swings and one to two inches of resilient surface around the slide and playground equipment on the preschool playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2021

Corrected on 11/5/2021

.11(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director and staff on this date.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2019

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2015

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 05/25/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 05/19/2000

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2004

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/31/2011

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2021

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2013

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 11/14/1994

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 11/18/2014	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 09/24/2007	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 01/02/2020	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 10/02/2017	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 06/03/2021	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/10/2009	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

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

Comment

Criminal record checks for all current staff observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 5 files for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2021

Corrected on 11/5/2021

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Criminal record checks for all current staff observed to be complete.

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**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.