



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/9/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:35 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/09/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/08/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/30/2022	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
Bldg 1	Room C - Toddler		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 7			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg. 1	Room B	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Bldg. 1	Room D		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. 1	Room E	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Bldg. 1	Room F		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. 1	Room G		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg. II	Left		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	Middle		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 61			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 120			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. 1	Main	93	C

Comments

March 9, 2023--The visit was completed on this date. The findings were discussed with the director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/09/2023

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!

Carolyn Thomas, 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that three two-year-old children sat in a toddler table with bucket seats without buckles or straps and the table was not used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained in and children are taught the proper use of all furniture, materials and equipment; will implement a plan for this information to be reviewed with both groups on an ongoing basis; and for monitoring proper and age-appropriate usage. The table will not be used until new straps with buckles present are placed in the seats so that the furniture is used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Appropriate ratios maintained for evening care.

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**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 3/9/2023

There were no stained ceiling tiles present in any of the classrooms where children were present. The Consultant discussed with the director that any stained ceiling tiles present in classrooms that were scheduled to be used for care were replaced prior to children being present in the classrooms.

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the gate to the playground area that the children from building II used was not able to be latched and children were observed to stand on the gate and swing on it. Further, there were two four inch gaps in the wrought iron fence on the far side of the playground next to the road where the fencing material pulled away from the fence and an entrapment hazard was posed. Also, the fencing material had sharp edges present at the bottom of the fence and throughout the far side next to the road.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2023

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 there were large bricks and rocks that were exposed throughout the playground and children were observed to throw the rocks. Further, there were exposed roots next to the tree on the right back side of the playground. Also, the storage shed was unlocked and a large wrought iron door was leaned against the storage shed on the route that the children from building II used to access the playground.

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: 3/10/2023

Recited on 3/9/2023

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 3/9/2023

Hot dogs were not observed on the menu. The consultant discussed with the director that foods that were the same size as a child's trachea or posed a choking hazard should be served to children under four-years-old.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health Met

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 3/9/2023
There were no pacifier clips observed on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 3/9/2023
Diaper changing surfaces were observed to be smooth and nonporous on this date.

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

Comment
Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed on this date.

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

Comment
Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 3/9/2023
There were no mats with exposed foam observed on this date. The consultant discussed with the director to replace any sleep equipment with exposed foam if observed.

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

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**

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.