



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/11/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:40 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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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.
07/11/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/05/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/27/2023	Monitoring Visit	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
Bldg 1	A-1L	Infants	3	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Diapering,Nap,Floor Play
Bldg 1	B-2L	One Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 1	C-3 Far Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg 1	D-3L	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	17	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	E-3R		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 1	F-2R	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg 1	G-1R		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request			
Bldg 2	A-1st Left		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	B-Far Back Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	C-1st Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 68		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	A-1st Left Side	55	C
Bldg 1	B-Far Right side	19	C
Bldg 2	Main Playground	60	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on June 27, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/11/2023

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.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!

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023

Corrected on 7/11/2023

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed furniture and equipment to be secured.

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023

Corrected on 7/11/2023

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed hazardous materials to be stored inaccessible to children.

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 Bldg 1 back left corner of building had a hole.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the building is repaired and that the surrounding areas are kept clean. The center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.,

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Recited on 7/11/2023

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 two of the gates were open when children were present on playground PG A, Bldg. 1.

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: 7/11/2023

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 on observation that there was broken lattice with sharp edges on the climbing structure and splintered wood on the playscape on PG A Left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, peeling paint and splinters. The provider will monitor the playground equipment to ensure hazards don't pose a risk to the children.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Recited on 7/11/2023

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 vines and plants growing through the fence on playground PG A Left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground to ensure no hazards exist. The provider will use DECAL Playground Checklist to check the playground daily for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Recited on 7/11/2023

Food Service**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on observation that two of three infants were in seats at the feeding table without the use of the safety straps in classroom A-1L

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff will ensure that all high chair safety straps are used and will monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that center staff did not wash a child's hands after completing the diaper changing process in classroom A1L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2023**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 6/30/2023****Corrected on 7/11/2023**

.20(1) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant did not observe staff to use external ointments. Per the director, they are obtaining authorization from parents to use external ointments.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Defer**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3-The previous citation was deferred. Consultant observed that new sheets were purchased, but they did not fit the mattresses.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that sheets are marked for individual use or washed daily and that marked sheets are washed at least weekly.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that an infant was sleeping in a swing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2023

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit June 27, 2023.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023****Corrected on 7/11/2023**

.33(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation of initial center orientation four of four staff members hired since June 27, 2023.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(1)(a) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that they are on the Center's premises and that the officially designated person who assumes responsibility for the operation of the Center in their absence shall have full access to all records required to be maintained under these rules.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2023