



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/21/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-52077

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/21/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing
03/07/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/20/2022	Licensing Study	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-1L-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-2L-Infants	One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-3R-4's & Up	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Snack,TV
Main	E-2R Front-1's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	F-2R Back-Indoor Playground	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	0	NC	NA	NA	
Main	G-1R-Back-3's		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-1R Front-2's	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 66			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Infants, 1's & 2's	8	C
Main	Playground B-3's & Up	150	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on March 7, 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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Bonnie Whitfield, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that an open soda can was on the teacher's desk in classroom F-2R-Back, there were adult scissors and a hole puncher in an unlocked drawer in classroom H-1R Front, and there were cleaning materials in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the fourth right, front room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2023

Recited on 6/21/2023

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 on observation that the seats in the red playhouse had splintered wood on playground B-3's & up.

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: 6/30/2023

Recited on 6/21/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 6/21/2023

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed appropriate hand washing throughout the center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 6/21/2023

.20(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed center to have obtained written authorization from the child's parent for medication administered since the last visit March 7, 2023.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that the center was using the unlicensed fourth right, front room to house one staff member and eighteen children (1 four-year-old child, 6 five-year-old children, and 11 school-aged children). Additionally, the center was using classroom F-2R as a classroom and it is designated as a Special Use room.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2023

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit March 7, 2023.

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of records that staff #7, date of hire December 20, 2021, did not have evidence of health and safety orientation training on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2023

Recited on 6/21/2023

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-The previous citation was deferred due to the center still being within the correction deadline.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 6/21/2023

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed that lead teachers without current credentials had enrolled in a Child Development Associate (CDA) program.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 6/21/2023

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed adequate supervision during the visit.