



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

Date: 3/17/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 10:30 AM

CCLC-29790

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Quality Rated: No

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.
03/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/08/2021	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
10/26/2021	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
			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	1L: B - Polar Bears	Infants	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Floor Play
Main	1R: C - Moose	One Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Circle Time
Main	2L: A - Giraffes	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2R: D - Sailfish	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering
Main	3R: E - Elephants	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	4R: F - Otters	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	4th Floor - A/3L		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	4th Floor/B -2L	Four Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4th Floor/C-1L	Five Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	LR: I - Alligators	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	MR: H - Camels		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	RR: G - Rams	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 95			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @25 capacity limited by Centers Request	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Hard Surface	3	C
Main	B: Infant Yard	110	C

Main	C: Preschool	20	C
Main	D: Trike Area	8	C
Main	Roof Top/ Front	3	C
Main	Roof Top/Back	18	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on March 17, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on March 17, 2022 with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/17/2022

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



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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Thonja Smith, Program Official

Date

Mari M. Springs, 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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

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)

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 the Alligator Room left the keys in the storage closet door handle which stored two teacher's bags on the lowest shelf and Room C-1L had a pair of adult size scissors in a container on the teacher's desk which was accessible to children.

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: 3/17/2022

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

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

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

	Staff Records
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Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 03/17/2021

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/30/2021

Staff # 3	Met
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Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 05/17/2021

Staff # 5	Met
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Staff # 6	Met
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Date of Hire: 02/12/2020

Staff # 7	Met
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Date of Hire: 04/22/2013

Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/23/2010	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/16/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 04/11/2016	
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 03/09/2020	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 05/15/2020	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 02/13/2017	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2021	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2018	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 03/02/2020	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2020	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2017	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2019	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2020	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 06/16/2014	

Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 09/16/2021	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2009	
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages and to ensure any two year old children that are combined with three year old children meet the requirements and have a signed permission form on file from the parents.

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

591-1-1-.32 - To ensure proper supervision practices all staff members in each classroom should be aware of the total number of children in the classroom at any given time. By knowing the proper head count this will reduce the risk of losing a child during transition times and most importantly during outside time.