



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/24/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:55 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/24/2023	POI Follow Up	Support
03/10/2023	Licensing Study	Deficient
12/13/2022	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
Main	A-1L-Infants and 1's	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Na p
Main	B-2L-1's & 2's		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-2R-3's & 4's	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D-1R-2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Mu sic
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	38	C

Comments

A Plan Of Improvement Follow-Up Visit was completed on April 24, 2023. Provider had security cameras in each room that records and saves for seven days.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/08/2023

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

Johnna Lindsey, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023

Corrected on 4/24/2023

.12(2) - This previous citation in regard to the windows was observed to be corrected.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. It was determined based on observation in classroom C-2R-3's &4's a three-year-old was served grapes that were cut in half.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation and staff statement in Classroom C-2R-3's &4's, licensed for non diapering four children were enrolled who required diapering.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023

Corrected on 4/24/2023

.10(4) - This previous citation was corrected as diapering was observed to happen only in diapering areas.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023

Corrected on 4/24/2023

.17(7) - This previous citation was corrected as children in the C-2R-3's &4's Classroom were observed to wash their hands when they transitioned from outside play to lunch.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023

Corrected on 4/24/2023

.17(8) - This previous citation in regard to staff handwashing was observed to be corrected.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023

Corrected on 4/24/2023

.11(2) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected in regard to discipline.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant’s back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant’s back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer’s guidelines and will not slide up around the infant’s face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation and review of video footage, in classroom A-1L-Infants and 1's an infant sleeping in a crib with a blanket for at least thirty minutes. Blankets were also observed in empty cribs. Upon consultant's arrival staff member removed the blankets from the the cribs. Additionally a small "bluetooth" portable speaker, playing music was observed in a crib with an infant.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2023

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2023

Corrected on 4/24/2023
.14(2) - This previous citation in regard to CPR and First Aid was observed to be corrected as staff members obtained certification on March 30, 2023.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2023

Corrected on 4/24/2023
.33(2) - This previous citation in regard to orientation was corrected.

Defer
591-1-1-.33(3)- This citation was deferred and will be observed at the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2023

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation was deferred and will be observed at the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023

Corrected on 4/24/2023

.32(7) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected as all staff were providing adequate supervision.