



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

Date: 3/28/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:15 AM

Departure: 10:35 AM

CCLC-2363

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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.
03/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/07/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/25/2021	Licensing Study	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
After-School Building	AS-East		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	Not In Use
After-School Building	AS-South		0	0	C	9	C	13	C	Not In Use
After-School Building	AS-West		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 127							
Main	Classroom F	Infants and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Free Play,Art,Nap,Circle Time
Main	Classroom H	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room A		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	
Main	Room B		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Not In Use
Main	Room C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Art
Main	Room D/E	One Year Olds	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Art,Nap
Main	Room G	Three Year Olds	2	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Art
Main	Room I	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	19	C	27	C	Not In Use,Circle Time

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 127
Total # Children this Date: 32	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 127	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 127

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
After-School Building	Afterschool	100	C
Main	Back Playground	16	C
Main	Left Playground	40	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit. This visit was conducted in person by the consultant on March 28, 2022.

An Administrative Review was completed by the consultant on March 28, 2022.

An exit conference was conducted between the consultant and director. Consultant emailed a copy of the report to the director for signature and to be returned within two business days.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us 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)

Mary Barber, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, Consultant

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)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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 on this date.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure no hazards are on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.
Consultant also discussed ensuring cots are inaccessible to children.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 01/16/2016

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 12/26/2000

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 03/18/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2018

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 01/02/2001

Staff # 7 Met
Date of Hire: 11/18/2019

Staff # 8 Met
Date of Hire: 09/17/2018

Staff # 9 Met
Date of Hire: 09/28/2018

Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 07/07/2015

Staff # 11 Met
Date of Hire: 09/06/2016

Staff # 12 Met
Date of Hire: 11/07/2016

Staff # 13 Met
Date of Hire: 03/29/2021

Staff # 14 Met
Date of Hire: 09/21/2015

Staff # 15 Met
Date of Hire: 02/18/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 16 Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2019

Staff # 17 Met
Date of Hire: 03/13/2014

Staff # 18 Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2013

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

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

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.