



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

Date: 7/20/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:10 AM **Departure:** 2:20 PM

CCLC-50045

Bright Beginnings

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/20/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/17/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
05/11/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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/Ne w	A: 1L	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main/Ne w	B:2L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main/Ne w	C:3L	One Year Olds	2	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main/Ne w	D:4L	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Main/Ne w	E:5L	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art
Main/Ne w	F:Middle	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main/Ne w	G:3R	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main/Ne w	H:2R		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main/Ne w	I:1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers, Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Zoning			
Total # Children this Date: 55			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation and Monitoring Visit. This visit was conducted in person by the consultant on July 20, 2022.

An Administrative Review was not needed due to the Provider does not provide transportation, field trips or swimming. Provider has not dispensed medication since the previous visit which occurred on May 5, 2022.

An exit conference discussing the Monitoring visit and complaint investigation report was conducted on July 22, 2022. Consultant emailed both reports to the provider requesting signature and to be returned to the consultant 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.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



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!

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)

Casey Pitts, 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 met by center on this date.

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure the gate to the playground is closed when children are not present on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider stated that medication has not been dispensed since the previous visit.

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. Staff were observed to interact with children and be attentive to their needs.

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.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2017

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2016

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2020

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/18/2020	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/18/2020	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 05/11/2015	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/28/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 03/31/2022	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/15/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 05/09/2022	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/12/2020	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 10/04/2010	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2022

Corrected on 7/20/2022

.11(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Redirection was observed by Consultant in classrooms D and G.