

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Arrival: 10:00 AM **Date:** 7/26/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Departure: 12:45 PM

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Quality Rated: No

01/20/2023

			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		
07/26/2023	Monitoring Visit		standing, support, and deficient.		
02/08/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting		

the rules.

Good Standing 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

Complaint

Investigation &

Licensing Study

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.		25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	Room A - 2yrsPotty Trained Only	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	С	8	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B - 12mths - 23mths	Two Year Olds	1	9	С	10	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room C - 6wks- 23mths	Infants and One Year Olds	2	13	NC	20	С	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room D - Preschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	С	14	С	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room E - 3's	Four Year Olds	1	9	С	9	С	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room H - School Age		0	0	С	17	С	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 5	50		Total C ft.: 0	Capacity @:	25 sq.	Building Zoning	@35 cap	acity limited by

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Total Capacity @25 sq. Total # Children this Date: 53 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 6wks - 2yrs	3	С
Main	Playground B - 3yrs- 12yrs	18	С
Main	Riding Area	3	С

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit.

All required documentation was available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the monitoring visit report was conducted with the owner/director on this date. The consultant emailed a copy of the signed report to the owner/director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/26/2023

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.decal.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 <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> 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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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ianelsea Kitchens, Program Official	Date	Charlene Story, Regional Consultant	Date



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

	Activities and Equipment
591-1-112	Met
Comment	
Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.	
591-1-135 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)	N/A
Comment	
Center does not provide swimming activities.	
	Facility
591-1-119 License Capacity(CR)	Met
Comment	
Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.	
591-1-125 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
Comment	
Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to child	ren.
591-1-126 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
Comment	

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Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Be sure to keep gate closed.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that two infants that were asleep in a swing also were wearing a bib and one out of two had an attached pacifier.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2023

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion was observed when children were playing in centers in Classroom B.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)1. requires that cribs be in good repair and free of hazards. Stack cribs and cribs with drop sides shall not be used. It was determined based on observation that five (5) out of nine (9) cribs had chipped paint along the top railing of each crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove cribs that are not in good repair or that are hazardous and will always provide a crib that is in good repair and is free of hazards for each infant. Stack cribs and cribs with drop sides will not be used

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that two infants were sleeping in a swing when the consultant entered the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that cots that are kept in the classroom are covered and inaccessible to the children.

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Staff Records

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that in Classroom C (six weeks to twelve months), there was two staff members present with six infants and seven one-year-old children. When the twenty percent method is used of mixed-age groups of children, there should have been three staff members present.

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POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.