



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/11/2023 **VisitType:** ILS Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:35 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-50806

Gordon Early Childhood Development Center

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Same

Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/11/2023	ILS Follow Up	Good Standing
08/24/2022	Initial Licensing Study	N/A

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 - 2nd Right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	B - 1st Right	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C - 3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D - 2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E - 3rd left	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F - 1st left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 127

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 78

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	86	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an Initial Licensing Study. Facility does carry Liability Insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/11/2023

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!

Patricia Logan, Program Official

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Twylah Tyner, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a ILS Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of files that four of five files reviewed were missing the physical address of the person(s) to whom the child may be released.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2023

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 4/11/2023

.06(2) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. All classrooms have access to adjacent bathrooms.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 4/11/2023

.06(4) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. All bathrooms used by children have adequate ventilation to control odors.

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) Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Ensure bottom of fence is secure and no gaps are present.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 4/11/2023

.26(4) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. A new fence has been installed that measures at least four feet (4') in height in all areas.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

There were no diapered children enrolled in the program on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 4/11/2023

.17(7) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Sinks with heated, running water have been placed in all classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 4/11/2023

.17(8) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Sinks with heated, running water have been added to all classrooms.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Appropriate discipline observed 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**

Center does not plan to serve infants and no cribs were evaluated on this date. The correct number of cots/mats, sheets, and cover were observed on this date.

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)**Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

A supervision plan was created due to bathrooms being located outside the classrooms. In addition, a supervision plan was created due to the route to the playground not being fully enclosed.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.