



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/15/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:45 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-52252

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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. |
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| 03/15/2023 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 09/09/2022 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 06/01/2022 | 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 |
|----------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Main | A-1L- Infants & 1's | | 0 | 0 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | B-Middle-3's & Up | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1 | 10 | C | 71 | C | 100 | C | Nap |
| Main | C-Middle R-1's | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2 | 5 | C | 12 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | D-Back-2's | Six Year Olds and Over | 1 | 8 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | Snack, Homework |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128

Total # Children this Date: 23

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128

Building @25 capacity limited by Building Department

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main | Playground A-All Ages | 98 | C |

Comments

An in-person inspection was conducted on March 15, 2023 with the Director.

Background checks, staff files, and children's files, were all reviewed on March 15, 2023.

The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the Monitoring Visit report was given to the Director on March 15, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/15/2023

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.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

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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Cleotha Griffith, Program Official

Date

Verlyn Gant, Consultant

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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

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.08(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records the children's enrollment records observed were complete.

Facility

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

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

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 9/16/2022****Corrected on 3/15/2023**

.26(6) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation, the hazards had been removed or repaired.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

.26(9) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the wooden border had been replaced.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete.

Please ensure that the small crack on the seat in the playground is repaired.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

Health and Hygiene

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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 and/or redirection observed.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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| 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) | Met |
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Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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| 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training | Defer |
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Defer

591-1-1-.33(5) - Annual training will be reviewed at the next licensing study visit conducted in 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2022

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| 591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) | Met |
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Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| Staffing and Supervision |
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| 591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) | Met |
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.