



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/16/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-2326

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/04/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
01/28/2022	Incident 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	Lt.Hall-1L	GA PreK	4	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	Lt.Hall-1R	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Lt.Hall-2R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Middle	GA PreK	2	21	C	42	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rt Hall-2R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rt. Hall-1L	Infants	1	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	Rt.Hall-1R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	3	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rt.Hall-3R	One Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 102

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	46	C
Main	Playground B	107	C
Main	Playground C	16	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/16/2023

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.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@dec.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Nikki Wright, Program Official

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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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the humidifiers are secured to prevent a tip over hazard throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities during the school year. The provider has swimming available during summer months.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The consultant observed the "S" hooks on the bucket swings beginning to rust. The provider will replace any hooks as needed to prevent a hazard.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on observation that one infant feeding form was dated July 2022, and one was dated October 2022, which had not been updated to reflect the infants current feeding patterns or introduction of solid foods.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will develop and implement a plan to obtain an updated plan every three months or as the feeding patterns change for all enrolled infants.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023

.07(2) - The provider did not have documentation of any incidents since the previous visit. The provider will ensure to notify families immediately when emergency medical care is required.

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date. The provider will monitor to ensure that warm water is available for diapering.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete. The provider will ensure that each form is not dated beyond two weeks to administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that all cribs are arranged at least 12 inches apart while in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

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-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(2) requires the initial Center orientation to include the following subjects: the Center's policies and procedures; the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; the Staff person's assigned duties and responsibilities; reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; emergency weather plans; the program's emergency preparedness plan; childhood injury control; the administration of medicine; reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); hand washing; fire safety; water safety; and prevention of HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens. It was determined based on observation of staff records that four staff members did not have proof of the initial orientation on file this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will provide orientation in all missing subjects to the employee(s) and will take steps to provide a complete orientation to new employees in the future.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on a review of records a Lead Teacher hired August 13, 2018 did not have proof of the required credential on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file. The provider stated that the lead teacher will follow-up to obtain the CDA credential. The provider will also ensure that a Professional Learning Plan is on file for any staff enrolled and monitor ongoing progress.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2023

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

