



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/2/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-39563

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Quality Rated: No

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.
02/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/28/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
04/13/2022	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	Room A- 1	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Nap
Main	Room D- 4	One Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room E- 5	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transitioning
Main	Room F- 6		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room G- 7		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room J- 10	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room L- Flex 1 -1st back rt	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	28	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Main	Room M- Flex 2 - 2nd back rt	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 52

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Preschool/AS	55	C
Main	Playground B- 2's - 3's	55	C

Comments

The purpose of the inspection was to conduct a monitoring visit on this date.

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.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 user id 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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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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

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591-1-1-.12(4) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the mobile basketball goals in G-7 Flex 2 is secured, if used by younger children.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022

Corrected on 2/2/2023

.08(1) - The children files were observed to be met on this date.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation the following hazards were accessible to the children:

Classroom - D Baby bomb, Sunblock and Cerve lotion was in the children cubbies accessible to the children.

Classroom - G 7 Flex 2 sanitizer in the cubby and classroom M and J-10 had hand sanitizer at the handwashing sinks accessible to the children.

Classroom L -Flex 1 had a trader joe empty plastic bag stored on a hook accessible.

Classroom - J-10 had a staff tan purse sitting on the writing table accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to the children. The provider will ensure that all cubbies are free of hazards and remind staff to keep brooms stored on the clips.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation the fence that separates playground B and C had a five inch gap from the fence to the column.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will routinely check the fence to determine if any hazards exist and train staff to identify hazards. The provider will use materials to close off the gap.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023**Recited on 2/2/2023****Finding**

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. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Playground A - Preschool and After-school had eight cement blocks that were cracked, and a black water hose was unwrapped accessible stored on the sidewalk.

Playground B - Toddlers had two bags of potting soil accessible and a water hose was stored in an unlocked rubber storage unit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023**Recited on 2/2/2023**

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures were stated by staff on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that children wash hands upon arrival and after transitioning to the restroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged. The provider was observed to have a bearded dragon located in the lobby properly contained. The provider will ensure that the children do not have access to touch the reptile, given possible salmonella exposure.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that nap cots are labeled for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**Staff Records**

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022****Corrected on 2/2/2023**

.09(1)(j) - The consultant observed background checks to be compliant on this date.

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

The consultant observed lead teacher credentials on this date. The provider will ensure that Professional Learning Plan forms are on file for all Lead Teacher's who are enrolled to obtain the required credential.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022

Corrected on 2/2/2023

.32(7) - The consultants observed adequate supervision on this date. The provider will ensure that all staff are properly trained on providing adequate supervision.