



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/27/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:10 AM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-51437

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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.
06/27/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/23/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/24/2023	TA Follow Up	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
Bldg 1	A-1L	Infants	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Diapering, Floor Play
Bldg 1	B-2L	One Year Olds	2	17	C	16	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	C-3 Far Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	16	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	D-3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	E-3R		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 1	F-2R	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	G-1R	Infants	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Bldg 2	A-1st Left		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	B-Far Back Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	C-1st Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 76			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	A-1st Left Side	55	C
Bldg 1	B-Far Right side	19	C
Bldg 2	Main Playground	60	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. The provider was not using Building 2 on this date, and the consultants did not have access to observe building two because a key was not available on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/27/2023

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 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.al.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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on consultant observation classroom C-3 Far Left had a table that was missing a leg was being stored leaning against a shelf next to a child who was napping, and five folding chairs stored leaning against the wall posing a tip over hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture are secured or removed and will have a system for checking on a daily basis.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023

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

Met

Comment

The provider stated that the center does not provide swimming activities. The provider will review DECAL swimming rules and regulations before swimming activities are offered in the future.

Evening Care

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

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided. The provider stated that the center closes at 6:30 p.m.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/3/2022****Corrected on 6/27/2023****.06(7) - The provider restrooms were observed to be cleaned on this date.**

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/3/2022****Corrected on 6/27/2023****.19(1) - The provider was observed to meet the licensing capacity for each classroom in use on this date. The consultants observed that E-3R was not in use and was observed to be used for storage. The provider will remove the stored items from classroom E-3R or request to have this classroom removed from the license capacity.**

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:

Classroom F-2R had a staff book bag that was being stored in an unlocked lower cabinet that contained medication (Fexofenadine), doritos, baby powder, mommy's bliss perfume and a bottle of gripe water and a additional small black bag that contained a cellphone.

Classroom C-3 Far Left had two spray bottles of clorox stored at the children handwashing sink.

Classroom G - 1R had a box of plastic sandwich bags stored in a lower unlocked cabinet.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The center will inform all staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that Bldg 1 back corner of building had holes.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the building is repaired and that the surrounding areas are kept clean. The center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.,

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2023**Recited on 6/27/2023**

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

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk. The consultant observed on Bldg 1 Plgd A had a large tree that had fallen onto another tree outside the parameter of the playground.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that Bldg 1 -PG A left side had blue peeling paint on the metal parts of the climbing structure and splintered wood on the playscape.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, peeling paint and splinters. The provider will monitor the playground equipment to ensure hazards don't pose a risk to the children.

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2023

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 the following:

Bldg 1 - PG A-1L - Vines and bushes were encroaching through the lower fence, large rocks were protruding through the dirt and pine cones were scattered throughout the playground

Bldg 1 - PG B - Far Right Side - Gum balls were scattered throughout the playground, exposed tree roots and rocks were protruding through the dirt.

Bldg 2 - Main Playground had not been in use over the past year prior to this visit. The provider will ensure that the playground remains compliance.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground to ensure no hazards exist. The provider will use DECAL Playground Checklist to check the playground daily for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2023

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on consultants observation that classroom A-1L had three infants observed to be in feeding chairs without the use of the safety straps.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff will ensure that all high chair safety straps are used and will monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(5) - The consultants discussed with the provider to ensure that classroom A-1L and classroom G 1R have thermostats in the mini refrigerator to monitor the temperature.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2023

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(9) - The consultant reminded the staff in Bldg 1 classroom A-1L to keep used bottles away from the changing table and any other food items.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2023

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

591-1-1-.17(7) - The consultants reminded staff in classroom A-1L to wash an infants hands that had been changed. The staff will ensure that all staff is trained to wash the children during various times of the day.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2023

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on observation that external over the counter ointments were being used in classroom B 2L such as balmex, vaseline, A&D, Sensi Care and Boudreaux cream during diapering without parents' authorization.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will train staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2023

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.22 - The consultants observed parents had to wait at the front door for a staff member to grant parent access, and one parent was observed to ask if they could enter the building. The provider will ensure that parents are allowed parent access when their children are in care.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2023

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. The consultants discussed with the staff to only use time-out for ages three-year-old and older, and redirection.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation. The provider will ensure to review all DECAL transportation rules and regulations.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30 - The consultants discussed with classroom D-3L and F-2R to ensure that children were not allowed to sleep under the sheet instead of on top of the mat sheet. The staff explained that the sheets are laundered daily.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - The consultant observed that three of the sheets in classroom A-1L had loose fitting sheets that was replaced during the visit. The provider will ensure that all crib sheets are tight fitting.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

Corrected on 6/27/2023

.09(1)(a) - The consultants observed all staff present to have the required background check on file.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

Corrected on 6/27/2023

.09(1)(c) - The consultants observed all staff to have the required comprehensive background check on file this date.

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 a review of staff records that seven staff members did not have proof of initial orientation before beginning work duties.

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: 6/28/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

Corrected on 6/27/2023

.31(2)(b)1 - The consultants observed no lead teacher was under the age of 18 years old on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) - The provider will ensure that all lead teachers have one of the required credentials on file or a professional learning plan.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2023

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. The consultant discussed with the staff to ensure that the children are closely supervised during nap time to ensure that each child's head can be observed.

