



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/3/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:45 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-54272

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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.
05/03/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/20/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/29/2022	Complaint Closure	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	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room A	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room C		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room D		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room D		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room E		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room E		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room F	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room F	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 80					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	44	C

Main	Playground A	44	C
Main	Playground B	23	C
Main	Playground B	23	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/03/2023

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

Tonya Alexander, Program Official	Date
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Charlene Story, Consultant	Date
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Angela Williams-Jackson, Consultant	Date
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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 at this time.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure Classrooms are in good repair free from chipped paint.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

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 consultant observation that the entry gate at the back fence on Playground A had a gap of five inches. Consultant also observed a gap of five inches located at the corner of the fence by the parking lot and road on Playground B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

Recited on 5/3/2023

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to remove small trampoline from Playground A due to it being a potential hazard to the children.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 5/3/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based observation that on playground A at the bottom of the orange slide attached to the swings there was no resilient surface observed. In addition the consultant observed that the mulch on playground A and B need to be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2023

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 consultant observation the following hazards:

- * Vines and weeds growing through the fence at the right side of playground by parking lot of Playground A.
- * Black tarp was exposed posing a tripping hazard beside the playground equipment, bottom of the steps leading out from the after school classroom and beside the picnic table in the corner of Playground A and through out playground B.
- * Broken chair on playground B.
- * A hammer was hanging from the white lattice fence around the patio on right side of playground A in children's reach.

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: 5/10/2023

Recited on 5/3/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that the provider did not submit an amendment for classroom A to become a diapering room as requested by the consultant on the previous visit, September 20, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2022

Corrected on 5/3/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2022

Corrected on 5/3/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

Corrected on 5/3/2023

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.