



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/14/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-33786

Atlanta Children's Shelter, Inc.

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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.
04/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/16/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/14/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	

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	Room A 1st Left	Infants	1	1	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding	
Main	Room B 2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play	
Main	Room C 3rd Left	Two Year Olds	2	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Floor or Play	
Main	Room D End Rm	Three Year Olds	2	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	Room E first right		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request			
Total # Children this Date: 14			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	B Preschool	30	C
Main	Inf Toddler	6	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. The visit was conducted in person.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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



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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Allison Griffith, Program Official

Date

Stacy Whitten, 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)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor and repair or replace the cabinet by the sink in the classroom B where it is beginning to develop some areas that are coming apart.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the computer monitor in classroom D is secured with a heavy strap or velcro to prevent a tipping hazard from becoming present.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

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

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor and repair or replace the ceiling tiles in the classrooms, where water spots are developing. Also discussed with Director to please monitor and repair or replace the area of the wall by the sink in classroom B to ensure chipping paint does not develop.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor and repair or replace the areas of wood under the storage cabinets to ensure no chipping or splintering wood becomes present. Also discussed with Director to monitor and remove the cords used to lock the playground cabinets, to ensure no looped wires are hanging or present while children are on the playground areas.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the Director to monitor and remove the vines that are beginning to grow through the fencing.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20 - Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with the Director. Please ensure there are no blanks on the medication forms, and the 'adverse reaction' space is filled in each time, indicating no adverse reaction or N/A if not applicable.

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/15/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/28/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 04/08/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/20/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 11/15/2021	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant observed evidence of all staff and volunteers to have complete satisfactory comprehensive background checks on this date.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

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.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.