



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/28/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:50 PM **Departure:** 5:10 PM

CCLC-129

Sheltering Arms - Elaine P. Draeger Model Teaching Center

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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. |
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| 03/28/2023 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 07/21/2022 | Complaint Closure | Good Standing | |
| 07/21/2022 | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | 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 |
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| Main | Room 1 | Infants and One Year Olds | 2 | 7 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | Room 10 | GA PreK | 2 | 9 | C | 28 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | Room 2 | | 0 | 0 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | Room 3 | Two Year Olds | 2 | 7 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | Room 4 | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 1 | 4 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | Room 5 | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Nap, Transitioning, Snack |
| Main | Room 6 | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2 | 6 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Nap, Transitioning, Snack |
| Main | Room 7 | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 9 | C | 28 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | Room 8 | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 28 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | Room 9 | | 0 | 0 | C | 28 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216 | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 57 | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main | Infant Playground | 14 | C |

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| Main | Pre-school Playground | 72 | C |
| Main | Toddler Playground | 28 | C |

Comments

LS conducted this date

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/28/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Felicia Hurst, Program Official

Date

Lajuana Williams, Consultant

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Please ensure complete addresses,relationship to the parent or guardian is obtained for all authorized release persons.

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.

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| 591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) | Met |
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Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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| Health and Hygiene |
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| 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) | Met |
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Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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| 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) | Met |
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Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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| 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) | N/A |
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Comment

There were no medication dispensed this date.

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| Safety |
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| 591-1-1-.05 Animals | N/A |
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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| 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) | N/A |
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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| 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) | N/A |
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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| Sleeping & Resting Equipment |
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| 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) | Met |
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Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Corrected on 3/28/2023

.31(2)(a) - Previous cite corrected.

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| Staffing and Supervision |
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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

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