



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/5/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-47340

New Beginning Early Learning Academy

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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.
11/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/12/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/13/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

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 204	A/B Combined - Left	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	22	C	Snack
Bldg 204	C- Back Right		0	0	C	10	C	14	C	Not In Use
Bldg 204	D-Front Right		0	0	C	5	C	7	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 31			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128							
Bldg 206	A		0	0	C	10	C	13	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 10			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128							
Bldg 209	A - afterschool		0	0	C	24	C	33	C	Not In Use
Bldg 209	B		0	0	C	8	C	11	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128							
MAIN	A- infants	Infants	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
MAIN	B-infants		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
MAIN	C- 2's	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Story
MAIN	D - 1's	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 28			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128							
Total # Children this Date: 27			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 204	Playground C	10	C

Bldg 206	Playground B	5	C
Bldg 209	Playground D	24	C
MAIN	Playground A	14	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	4	12	13	7	8	43

Comments

The Purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/05/2024

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@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 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.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

Evening care was not evaluated 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) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2024

Corrected on 11/5/2024

.25(11) - The classroom was not currently in use, but the center will ensure that any missing floor tiles are replaced prior to the children having access to the MAIN B-infants One Year Olds classroom.

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 204 Playground C and Bldg 209 Playground D had picnic tables with splinters and chipping wood that posed splinter hazards to children. It was further determined that there was rust on the blue tunnel and walk-up ladder on MAIN Playground A accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2024

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 on observation and measurement that the yellow slide at Bldg 209 Playground D had four inches of resilient surface, and not the minimum of six inches as required.

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: 11/15/2024

Health and Hygiene**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the brown diaper changing pad in Bldg 204 A/B Combined -Left Three Year Olds classroom was nonporous and it had four tears on it.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2024

Recited on 11/5/2024

Comment

Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that the tornado drills were not conducted every six months, and the documentation of the date and times of emergency drills were not maintained for two years.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2024

Recited on 11/5/2024

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

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that Van Tag number RIT8933 had a missing door panel and row two had a tear in the seat exposing foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher that is maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation and measurement that the mattress in MAIN A-infants classroom was not at least two inches thick as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least two inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2024

Recited on 11/5/2024

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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