



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/20/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-52708

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Same

Quality Rated: No

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.
03/20/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/08/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/12/2022	Licensing Study	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	A 2 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	29	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	B 3yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C 3yrs	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	D 2yrs	Two Year Olds	3	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E 4yrs	Two Year Olds	3	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F 4yrs	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	30	C	NA	NA	Art,Clean Up
Main	G 4 yrs	GA PreK	2	19	C	35	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Gym Classroom		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	H 2yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 197					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Zoning			
Total # Children this Date: 122					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 197		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	I 2yrs-6yrs	67	C

Comments

The purpose of this was to conduct a Licensing Study and Follow up on the previous visit.

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 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!

Hwa Young Chao, Program Official

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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

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Consultant observed center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2023

Corrected on 3/20/2024

.25(13) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed center appears to be clean and maintained.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with provider to remove hose when children are not using to water plants. Consultant observed playground to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Consultant observed kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Consultant observed staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Consultant observed staff reminding children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Consultant observed documentation for medication dispensing complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Consultant reviewed field trip documentation to be complete.

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

Comment

Consultant observed center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2023

Corrected on 3/20/2024

.30(1)(b)3 - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed cots to be marked for individual use.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Consultant reviewed criminal record checks to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2023

Corrected on 3/20/2024

.33(3) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant reviewed staff records to complete with annual training and Health and Safety for new hires.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.