



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/9/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-13339

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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.
02/09/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/06/2023	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
11/09/2023	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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 1R	Infants	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B 2R		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	C 3R	One Year Olds	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Centers
Main	D 4R	One Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E 5R	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F 6R	GA PreK	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G Bk End	GA PreK	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioning
Main	H 4L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	C	33	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Main	I 3L	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	J 2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	K 1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 121					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	68	C
Main	Playground B	145	C
Main	Playground C	60	C
Main	Playground D	17	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a POI Follow-up.

The school is currently in the process of change of ownership.

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.decal.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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Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

Classroom C: 3R- There were three packets of diaper wipes; Kirkland, Pampers, and Fresh Clean stored in an unlock cabinet of the Diaper Changing Station located in the center of the class.

Classroom D: 4R- There was a teacher's purse stored in an unlocked closet located in the far rear of the classroom. Three packages of diaper wipes: Kirkland, Pampers, and Fresh Clean, were stored in an unlocked cabinet on the right side of the classroom.

Classroom E:5R- A toilet brush was stored on the right side of the toilet in the first restroom located in the rear of the classroom on the left side. There were plastic grocery bags stored in a middle drawer located on the left side of the classroom, adjacent to the restroom. Also, there was a plastic grocery bag laying on the floor in front of the coat hooks.

Classroom F:6R- Two packs of Parent Choice wipes stored in a clear storage drawer located in the front left of classroom. A stapler and a can of W-D40 was stored in the third drawer of a clear storage drawer bin located in the left side rear of the classroom on the left side of the teacher's work station. Also, there were two toilet brushes stored in the first and second restrooms.

Classroom G Bk End- Five plastic grocery bags stored in children's cubbies in the front left of the classroom. Three plastic grocery bags stored in a blue bin in the second restroom located on the back left rear of classroom

Classroom H: 4L- A toilet brush and plunger stored beside the toilet and a teacher's purse hanging on a hook located in the right rear restroom.

Classroom J: 2L- A blue teacher's chair was stacked on top of the manipulative shelf while a child napped.

K:1L- There were two plastic grocery bags stored on the bottom shelf of an unlocked gray teacher storage cabinet located in the back rear of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.,

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2024

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/19/2024****Corrected on 2/9/2024**

.11(2) - The previous citation was observe ed to be corrected. Consultant observed positive staff and child interaction on this date. Consultant also observed each staff member to have a Mandated Reported Agreement on file as well and each staff memeber's signed statement regarding appropriate behavior and discipline on this date.

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

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on a observation that two infants were sleep in a bouncer, both infants were wrapped in fleeced blankets and one infant was sleeping in a swing wrapped in fleeced blanket. The staff removed the infants and placed them in the cribs on their back.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2024