



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/7/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 3:25 PM

CCLC-36139

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
09/07/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/21/2023	Complaint Closure	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
Bldg 1	A1R	Infants	4	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Flo or Play
Bldg 1	B 2R	Infants and One Year Olds	3	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	C 3R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	D 4R	Two Year Olds	3	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	E 4L	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	21	C	29	C	Nap
Bldg 1	F 3L	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	22	C	30	C	Nap
Bldg 1	G 2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	H 1L	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	30	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 2	1L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 2	1R	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg 2	Gym		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 136			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 207							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Preschool Playground	111	C
Bldg 1	Toddler Playground	61	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up the previous visit conducted on May 17, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/07/2023

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/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

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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023

Corrected on 9/7/2023

.30(2) - Previously cited rule violation regarding safe sleep requirements was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that sleeping infants were placed on their backs inside of their cribs.

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #16 and staff #20 were present at the center during operating hours while children were present without a valid or current satisfactory comprehensive records check determination on file with the Department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely screen employees and independent contractors prior to allowing them to have access to the children at the center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will review the department's rules and regulations concerning criminal background checks to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not ensure that staff #16 and staff #20 obtained a new comprehensive records determination within five years as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will update their policies and procedure to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023