



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/13/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-35600

Childcare Network #218

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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.
06/13/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/28/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
05/23/2024	Incident 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
Bldg. I	1st Left	One Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg. I	1st Right	Infants	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Floor Play
Bldg. I	2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg. I	2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg. I	Back	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	12	C	72	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. II	Left Side	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg. II	Right Side	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 81					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. I	Main	77	C
Bldg. I	Three-Year-Old	41	C
Bldg. I	Toddler	13	C
Bldg. I	Two-Year-Old	39	C

Comments

June 13, 2024--The Follow Up was conducted on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/13/2024

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.decga.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@decga.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:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2024

The correction was made. The staff member still employed will no longer be used in disciplinary matters and will only fulfill their duties as the cook.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that there was standing urine, toilet paper, and wads of paper towels observed on the floor of the boys bathroom in the Back Room with a capacity of 72 children. In addition, there was urine on the floor and a strong smell of urine in the boys bathroom in the Back Room with a capacity of 72 children. Also, the left toilet in the boys bathroom was observed to be stopped up and there was standing urine in the right toilet in the same classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2024

Recited on 6/13/2024

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 plungers were observed to be present in the boys bathroom in the Back classroom with a capacity of 72 children and the boys bathroom on the right side of the classroom in the Three-Year-Old 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: 6/13/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the girls bathroom was out of order and the left toilet in the boys bathroom was stopped up in the Back classroom with a capacity of 72 children. Further, the boys toilet was stopped up on the left side of the Three-Year-Old classroom. Also, there was a hole observed in the floor of the boys bathroom on the right side of the classroom in the Three-Year-old classroom. Additionally, the water to the toilet in the girls bathroom was turned off due to the toilet leaking in the Three-Year-Old classroom on the right side of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2024

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2024

.26(9) - There were no mushrooms or fungus observed to be present on the playground on this date. The holes were observed to be filled in. The poles are scheduled to be removed no later than June 14, 2024.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Corrected on 6/13/2024

All children were observed to be redirected on this date. The staff member involved will no longer be used in classrooms for disciplinary purposes.