



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/1/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:45 PM **Departure:** 5:25 PM

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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.
02/01/2023	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/20/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/14/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Building II	C1-A	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	4	19	C	24	C	34	C	Free Play, Homework, Snack
Building II	C1-B		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165							
Main	B2-1st L	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	20	C	27	C	Nap
Main	Bck end 3L	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	23	C	Nap
Main	Front entry 1r	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Snack, Nap
Main	Middle back	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Floor Play
Main	Rear entry 2L	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	22	C	30	C	Homework, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165							
Total # Children this Date: 71			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Playground	50	C

Comments

An in-person inspection was conducted on February 01, 2023 with the Director.

Background checks, staff files, children's files, and training documentation were all reviewed on February 01, 2023.

The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the Licensing Study Visit report was sent to the Director on February 02, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/01/2023

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.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 user id 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!

Essie Baker, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

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.

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) 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 a plastic grocery bag was hanging on a child's cubby accessible to children in Building II C1-A. Additionally, diapers were stored in plastic in an unlocked cupboard, under the diaper change station accessible to children in the Front entry 1r 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: 2/1/2023

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on observation that there were no sheets on three of the children's mats in the B2-1st L classroom as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that sheets are marked for individual use or washed daily and that marked sheets are washed at least weekly.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment

Please replace missing items, adhesive tape and anti-bacterial ointment in the first aid kit for vehicle one.

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

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**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation Visit:

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.36(10) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion, children are not left unattended in the child care vehicles.

Correction Deadline: 12/30/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.36(3)(a-b) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records all staff members who participated in the transportation of children had completed the two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training as required.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.32(7) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation of the transportation procedure upon arrival to the center, children were supervised at all times.