



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/14/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:55 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-30966

Childcare Network #184

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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.
08/14/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/19/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/18/2023	Incident Investigation 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
Main	Rm A:1R :-9-18 mo	Infants	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Rm B: 1L: toddlers		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm C: 2L: 2yr olds	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art,Free Play
Main	Rm D: 3L: 1 yr olds	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	Rm E: 2R :4 yrs olds	GA PreK	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm F: 4L Middle:3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm G: 3R: GA- Pre-K	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm H: 4R: GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm I: 5R: 3 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm J: 5L: 4 yrs		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm K: 6L:5-12 yrs		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 83					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	21	C
Main	Playground B	107	C
Main	playground C	88	C

Comments

A CI/MV was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/14/2024

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the Center Staff maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure 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. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the vent in the third left, one-year-old classroom is in working order as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that playgrounds are protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the fence that separated Playground A and B is free of hazards as there was an approximate seven inch gap at the bottom of the fence which posed as an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The director had a ticket in for repair which will be completed by COB: August 28, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that playground equipment provides an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. The director reported a ticket was placed in the system for hazards to be corrected such as closed "S" hooks on the top and bottom of bucket seats, vegetation through corner of fence and uneven turf on Playground A. An open pvc pipe was located on Playground C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Corrections will be submitted to the Department by COB: August 28, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation there was approximately three inches of mulch surrounding the multi-colored play structures on Playground B and C instead of six inches which was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for the vehicle with tag number ending in V9314 used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in Y4806 was not in use at this time.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation seats were not in good repair as the seats were torn with exposed foam on vehicle with tag number ending in V9314.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and staff member on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation a staff member in the fourth left middle, two-year-old classroom, was not seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger as required. The staff member was observed to not be in a seated position twice during lunch time after being verbally redirected.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times. The director reported that the staff member would be retrained and a given a written reprimand.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024