



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/18/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-949

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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.
07/18/2023	Monitoring Visit	Support	
02/16/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
02/01/2023	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	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	1	16	C	24	C	34	C	Free Play
Building II	C1-B		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165							
Main	B2-1st L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	27	C	Outside,Not In Use,Transitioning
Main	Bck end 3L		0	0	C	17	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	Front entry 1r	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play,Nap
Main	Middle back	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rear entry 2L	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	22	C	30	C	Transitioning,Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165							
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Playground	50	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a QA Monitoring Visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on February 1, 2023.

Consultant provided contact information on this date.

Consultant provided information on the new requirements for fingerprinting on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/01/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Essie Baker, Program Official

Date

Shannon Curtis, Process & QI Unit Consultant

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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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

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) Met

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Corrected on 7/18/2023

Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed diapers stored in the drawers underneath the diaper changing station on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be 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. It was determined based on observations the fence facing the front area parking lot measured at thirty inches and not the required (4) four foot high barrier approved by the department on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2023

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 observations the resilient surface surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone areas measured between one and two inches on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Staff on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date as of July 21, 2022 and August 9, 2022.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed for May 15-19, 2023 and May 22-26, 2023 on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023****Corrected on 7/18/2023**

Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed individual mats and sheets for children enrolled in care 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 for all staff on this date.

Comment

Director provided one files for employees hired since last visit on February 1, 2023 on this date.

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.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****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 that a school-age child was hiding behind a classroom door without staff supervision for approximately one to two minutes and two children enrolled in the program came from outside play and entered the building to use the restroom without staff supervision on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2023

Recited on 7/18/2023