



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/13/2017 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:15 PM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-3382

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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.
09/13/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/28/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/12/2016	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
Bldg. # 2	Main		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			22		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. I	Back (Middle)		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg. I	Far Right - End	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	NC	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. I	Front		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. I	Left Side	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			58		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 09/27/2017

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).

	<p>Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before January 1, 2017. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Catherine (Cathy) Williams, Program Official

Date

Patty Malone, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that there was an unsecured television on a cabinet in classroom Far Right - End.

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Correction Deadline: 9/13/2017

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08 - The consultant discussed the required documentation in children's files.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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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 there were three dead bugs in the kitchen floor on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 9/13/2017

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - The consultant discussed the maintenance of the playground after inclement weather.

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Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide 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. It was determined based on observation that the following hazardous equipment was observed:

Front playground- The yellow climbing structure, the red climbing structure, the blue merry-go-round, the posts of the blue swing set, the bouncing see-saw and the green metal train all had chipping paint. Additionally, there were two exposed screws on the bottom step of the wooden slide structure.

Back playground- The tunnel had chipping paint and rust, and the green climbing equipment had chipping paint.

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Correction Deadline: 9/23/2017

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Correction Deadline: 4/7/2017

Corrected on 9/13/2017

.26(8) - This citation was corrected on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Comment

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on a review of records that the center had a medication form for Ciprodex Otic that was administered on September 13, 2017, without documentation of any adverse reactions.

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Correction Deadline: 9/13/2017

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have documentation of conducting a fire drill in December 2016.

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Correction Deadline: 9/18/2017

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

Comment

No Animals Kept

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

Comment

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **N/A**

Comment

No Field Trips at This Time

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2017

Corrected on 9/13/2017

.30(2)(h) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Not Met

Comment

The consultant reviewed five staff files on this date. A 1-day letter was left at the center.

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Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires the Center to ensure that every Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of the Child Care Learning Center has a satisfactory records check determination before the individual is present at the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that the center had one provisional employee hired on September 11, 2017, with no records check determination.

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Correction Deadline: 9/13/2017

Recited on 9/13/2017

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

Met

Comment

Observed-100% Certified First Aid & CPR

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Comment

Observed - Documentation Of Training for 2016

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Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that the center had two staff hired more than 90 days without documentation of completion of the required health and safety training.

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Correction Deadline: 10/13/2017

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

Comment

Lead staff education requirements met

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Not Met

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Correction Deadline: 3/28/2017

Corrected on 9/13/2017

.32(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that classroom Far Right - End had one staff supervising a mixed-age group of 5, two-year-old children and 7, three-year-old children, when two staff were required.

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Correction Deadline: 9/13/2017

Comment

Observed-Adequate Supervision