



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/13/2018 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:25 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-32848

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/13/2018	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/12/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/15/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	A-1st RT	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Nap
Main	B-2nd RT	Infants	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-3rd RT		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-Middle Back	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E-2nd Left	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	14	C	20	C	Lunch
Main	F-1st Left	PreK	2	19	C	22	C	30	C	Lunch
Main	G-Far Left		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	
Main	H-Back Right	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 149				
Total # Children this Date: 65			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 149				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Older/Back Playground	57	C
Main	Younger/Front Playground	18	C

Comments

Follow up to the previous Monitoring Visit that was conducted on December 12, 2018 was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/13/2018

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).



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.

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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov

Sherry Nelson, Program Official

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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

All equipment was observed to be secured on this date.

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 by consultant's observation that in the middle back, three year old room D, a teacher's purse was on a hook in the restroom accessible to the children. In the second left classroom E, three year old room diaper cream was observed in a child's bookbag.

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: 4/13/2018

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(3) requires that the playground be adjacent to the Center or in an area which can be reached by a safe route or method approved by the Department. Except in School-age Centers, the playground shall have shaded areas. It was determined by consultant's observation that the left younger children's playground did not have shade.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify a safe route or method to reach any non-adjacent playground and submit it for approval. The Center will install structures to provide shade if there is not sufficient natural shade on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2018

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined by consultant's observation that in the Back Right classroom, H, the diapering area did not have an exhaust system.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2018

Recited on 4/13/2018

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Director stated that no medication has been administered since the previous visit was conducted on December 12, 2017.

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined by consultant's observation that in the infant classroom B, one mattress was not firm and indented with the baby's weight.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2018

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 03/05/2018	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/27/2015	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 09/12/2016	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 02/24/2012	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 03/16/2015	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 03/28/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/21/2008	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 05/30/2014	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 06/21/2010	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/14/2014	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/20/2014	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 10/22/2014	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 02/26/2016	Met

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Staff # 14 Met
Date of Hire: 03/20/2018

Staff # 15 Met
Date of Hire: 10/12/2011

Staff # 16 Met
Date of Hire: 07/07/2015

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 16

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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for all sixteen staff members employed on this date. Four new employees were added since the previous visit was conducted on December 12, 2017.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2018

Corrected on 4/13/2018

.14(2) - Staff member never returned after the date of the last visit.

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

Comment

Consultant observed staff comply 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.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.