



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/27/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 2:00 PM

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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.
09/27/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/25/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/21/2017	Monitoring Visit	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 2	After School		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	
Building 2	Pre K 1	PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Building 2	Room 3	PreK	2	21	C	26	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176							
Main	Room A	Infants	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Diapering
Main	Room B	One Year Olds	2	13	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
Main	Room C	Three Year Olds	2	21	C	33	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room D	One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	Room E	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176							
Total # Children this Date: 110			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 157			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (left)	61	C

Main	B (right infant)	14	C
Main	C (back right)	87	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center does not provide transportation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/27/2018

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).



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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Vicki Noles, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that in classroom E a shelf in the block area was cracked on the top left side and cracked on the bottom right side with an exposed nail and in classroom D the kitchen play sink was cracked and had sharp edges presenting a hazard to children in care. broken. Additionally, in classroom B the vinyl climber had edges that were frayed and worn exposing the inside foam and in classroom E the vinyl chair the arm rest were worn and had exposed foam preventing it from being cleanable as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The consultant discussed with the director about repairing, replacing, or removing the broken items.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018

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.

Technical Assistance

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.

The Consultant discussed with the director about repairing or replacing the broken counter top in the one year old room.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute underneath the swings on the older playground.

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 observation that there was a gap at the bottom of the fence between the two older playgrounds in the back left hand corner that measured four inches in height and by the sidewalk area on the older playground the fence was not secure at the bottom presenting a potential entrapment hazard. Additionally the fence between the two younger playgrounds at the gate had three bolts that were longer than the required two threads in length presenting a protrusion hazard. Lastly, the gate to the infant playground was observed to be open and not closed as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018

Technical Assistance

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. The consultant discussed with the director about monitoring outside equipment and toys for wear and tear.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2018

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2018

Corrected on 9/27/2018

.26(8) - The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There was adequate resilient surfacing under all fall zones and play equipment.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present on the playgrounds:

- On the toddler playground there was one active ant bed by the fence.
- On the middle playground there were five active ant beds in the back left corner between the shelter and the fence.
- On the older playgrounds there were nine active ant beds on the back of the playground.
- On the infant playground there were two active ant beds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The consultant discussed with the director about checking the playgrounds before children are allowed to play and treating ant beds as needed.

Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B there were sippy cups air drying next to the diapering hand wash sink. Additionally, in classroom D there were eleven sippy cups in the diapering hand wash sink.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will be trained, specified areas will be available for food preparation and placement of food-related items, and the director will monitor. The consultant discussed with the teachers about keeping an appropriate distance between food utensils and the diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**

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

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that in Pre-K classroom B the rest mats were stored in the girl's bathroom and were not covered as required. Additionally the mats were stored where the bedding was not separated as required and was allowed to touch other bedding.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Staff Records

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(i) requires that if the Center accept a satisfactory determination letter issued by the Department for a potential Director or Employee as evidence of that individual's Satisfactory Records Check Determination, the Records Check Clearance Date must be within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has not changed.

Two employees were observed to be hired within the portability time frame but had not been ported over to the new center. The consultant discussed with the Director about electronically porting all new employees who a currently satisfactory records check from a different center.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018

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)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.