



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/28/2021 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation by Phone **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-46662

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/28/2021	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing
02/08/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/14/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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

Comments

A virtual incident investigation was conducted on April 28, 2021. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Executive Order issued on March 31, 2021. Investigative findings were not concluded on April 28, 2021. Investigative findings were concluded on April 29, 2021.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/13/2021

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.decals.ga.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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decals.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://decals.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).

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

Angela Sims, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation by Phone:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(12) requires Center Staff to provide supervised nap or rest periods during the day for children under five years of age and to provide quiet activities for School-age Children and other children who are not asleep. Center Staff shall not require children who do not sleep during nap or rest periods to remain lying down for more than one hour. It was determined, based on investigative findings, that children were required to remain lying down on their mats until a staff member woke them up. It was further determined that no activities were provided to children who were awake or woke up from nap early.

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Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021

Safety

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.11(1) - The consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that time-out was not used as a form of discipline for children under three-years-old, as staff stated that time-out and redirection was used for all age groups at the center.

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Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021

Finding

591-1-1-.11(2) requires that Personnel not: physically or sexually abuse a child or engage or permit others to engage in sexually overt conduct in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center; inflict corporal/physical punishment upon a child; shake, jerk, pinch or handle a child roughly; verbally abuse or humiliate a child which includes, but is not limited to, the use of threats, profanity or belittling remarks about a child or his family; isolate a child in a dark room, closet or unsupervised area; use mechanical or physical restraints or devices to discipline children; use medication to discipline or control children's behavior without written medical authorization issued by a licensed professional and given with the parent's written consent; restrict unreasonably a child from going to the bathroom; punish toileting accidents; force-feed a child or withhold feeding a child regularly scheduled meals and/or snacks; force or withhold naps; allow children to discipline or humiliate other children; or confine a child for disciplinary purposes to a swing, highchair, infant carrier, walker or jump seat. It was determined, based on investigative findings, that on April 21, 2021, a one-year-old child was inappropriately disciplined when a staff member pulled the child by the leg and placed the child roughly on the mat. It was further determined that no medical care was obtained and no marks or bruises were observed.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2.- The citation was deferred and will be evaluated during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2021