



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/24/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:40 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-29919

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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.
03/24/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/09/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/20/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	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
Main	A		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	B	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	NC	17	C	NA	NA	Snack, Transitioning
Main	C	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Transitioning, Free Play
Main	D Afterschool		0	0	C	8	C	11	C	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 62				
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 62				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A	13	C
Main	Plgd-B	10	C

Comments

To be developed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/24/2023

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.decgal.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), 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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Nikki McCall, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of documents that Arrival and Departure Records for March 24, 2023 was not documented by staff.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023

Safety

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Corrected on 3/24/2023

.36(6) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed completed parental authorization forms

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Corrected on 3/24/2023

.36(7)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed complete emergency medical information for ten out of ten of children that are transported.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)3. requires that if a second designated Staff person is not available to conduct a second check of the vehicle the driver will check the vehicle by physically walking through the entire vehicle; visually inspecting all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and signing the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle, and then report by phone to the Director or designated Staff person that the check has been completed and no children remain on the vehicle. The time and verification of such telephone contact shall be immediately documented and signed on the passenger transportation checklist(s) by the driver. It was determined based on a review of documents that the following seconds checks were incomplete:

- Week of March 20, 2023 Smith Elementary PM Route
- Week of March 20, 2023 McGarrah Elementary PM Route
- Week of March 20, 2023 Morrow Elementary PM Route
- Week of March 20, 2023 Marshall Elementary PM Route

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle, properly complete transportation documentation and reporting via phone verification. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2023

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on observation that there was one teacher to five two-year-olds, three three-year-olds, and two four-year-olds in classroom B during regular operating hours. The children were combined outside of the approved two hours that are early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain Staff:child ratios based on the youngest child in the group during early morning and late afternoon times when children younger than three years of age may be grouped with older children.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023