



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/9/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

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.
02/09/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/20/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
01/18/2023	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
Main	A		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	
Main	B	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	C	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
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: 17			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

Plan developed on this date. Consultant discussed with provider transportation documentation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/09/2023

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 POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2023

Corrected on 2/9/2023

.08(6) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. The center using a software called Bright Wheel that provides each family with a digital signature to sign children in and out.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Corrected on 2/9/2023

.25(13) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all hazards to be inaccessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Corrected on 2/9/2023

.26(4) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed playground fencing to be in good repair on this date.

Safety

Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of documents that six out of nine children were missing parental authorization forms for routine transportation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Recited on 2/9/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of documents that six out of nine children were missing emergency medical information.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023

Recited on 2/9/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2023

Corrected on 2/9/2023

.30(2) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed infant sleeping in an approved crib on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2023

Corrected on 2/9/2023

.32(1) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed appropriate ratios in Classroom B on this date.

Comment

Consultant discussed with director to continue with Plan of Improvement to ensure supervision policy is maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2023

Corrected on 2/9/2023

.32(7) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.