



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
 Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Cover Sheet

Date: 10/17/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:50 AM

Departure: 12:35 PM

CCLC-52772

Reach For The Stars of Cave Spring

10 Georgia Avenue Cave Spring, GA 30124 Floyd County
 (706) 936-6936 reachstars@comcast.net

Regional Consultant

Chasity Baugh

Phone: (770) 357-1717

Fax: (770) 357-1720

chasity.baugh@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

1889 Buttermilk Road Southwest
 Cave Spring, GA 30124

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.
10/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/07/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Deficient	
05/25/2022	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	Room A		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA		
Main	Room B	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	30	C	33	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	Room C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	33	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	Room D	Infants	20	9	C	26	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			107			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date: 55			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	53	C
Main	Playground B	49	C

Comments

A Monitoring Visit was completed on October 17, 2022. Measurements of new classroom and gym were taken at time of visit for amendment. Consultant discussed having the room completed, to included operable sink and fire marshal approval before submitting amendment. Consultant also discussed not using unlicensed space until the amendment is approved.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/17/2022

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/Regulations.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



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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Kym Tillery, Program Official

Date

Chasity Baugh, Consultant

Date



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334**

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Findings Report

Date: 10/17/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:50 AM

Departure: 12:35 PM

CCLC-52772

Reach For The Stars of Cave Spring

10 Georgia Avenue Cave Spring, GA 30124 Floyd County
(706) 936-6936 reachstars@comcast.net

Mailing Address

1889 Buttermilk Road Southwest
Cave Spring, GA 30124

Regional Consultant

Chasity Baugh

Phone: (770) 357-1717

Fax: (770) 357-1720

chasity.baugh@dec.al.ga.gov

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2020

Corrected on 10/17/2022

.25(17) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2022

Corrected on 10/17/2022

.26(8) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Corrected on 10/17/2022

.26(9) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. It was determined based on observation whole blueberries were served to two-year-old children as part of their lunch.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor food served and accessible to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2022

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed 591-1-1-.10(4) which requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2022

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed 591-1-1-.16(f) which requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2022

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.22 Parental Access**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022****Corrected on 10/17/2022****.22 - This previous citation was corrected.**

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation the crib sheet in the last room on the right was loose and not tight fitting.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2022**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022**

Corrected on 10/17/2022

.30(2) - This previous citation was corrected.

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 in the first classroom on the left and the second classroom on the left that children's mats are stored stacked in a closet with the sheet on the mat, the sheet mats are touching one another. The blankets are folded and stacked in the closet, touching other blankets.

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.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/21/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/25/2022	
Staff # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 4	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2022	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 04/13/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2021	
Staff # 7	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2022	
<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	
Staff # 8	Met

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Date of Hire: 06/29/2022

Staff # 9 Met
Date of Hire: 03/08/2022

Staff # 10 Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2020

Staff # 11 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 12 Met
Date of Hire: 10/14/2021

Staff # 13 Met
Date of Hire: 07/05/2022

Staff # 14 Not Met
Date of Hire: 11/04/2020
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment
Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Corrected on 10/17/2022
.32(1) - This previous citation was corrected.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Corrected on 10/17/2022
.32(4)(b) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

Corrected on 10/17/2022
.32(7) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected.