



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/20/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-39820

The Children's Courtyard

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/20/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/21/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
10/21/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A-Front Middle		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-Front Left		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-2nd Left		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-3rd Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-4th Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-Back Left Side		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	G-Back Middle		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-Front Right		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-2nd Right		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	J-2nd Middle		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 196			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 196			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-Front Left	33	C
Main	Plgd-Front Right	10	C
Main	Plgd-Rear Left	29	C
Main	Plgd-Rear Right	51	C

Comments

MV completed on this date. 12 staff members were present. Consultant discussed core rules with all staff members on this date. There were no enrolled children present on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/20/2023

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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Darasha Gaines, Program Official

Date

April Brown, 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-.03 Activities **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022

Corrected on 2/20/2023

Correction of citation in that the staff member was no longer employed. The director reported that the proper way to pick up a child was discussed in staff meetings monthly.

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2022

Corrected on 2/20/2023

Correction of citation in that all hazards were locked and/or inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2022

Corrected on 2/20/2023

Correction of citation in that the center repaired the sinks and toilet. The center was clean and in good repair on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure that playground equipment / 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. Please ensure the bucket seats on the front left playground is free of rust on the "O" hooks which connect at the top and the triangles which are connected to the bucket seats. Additionally, please pressure wash underneath the play tree house on the front right playground.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure climbing and swinging equipment has resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the playground is free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the mat underneath the red curvey slide on the right rear playground is level to the ground or removed as it is currently a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2023

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2022

Corrected on 2/20/2023

Correction of citation in that the center had a posted menu which met USDA guidelines on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Met

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

There were no children present on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in Q6755 had an inspection completed on November 16, 2022.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the infant staff members and director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided five] file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on October 21, 2022.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

There were no children present on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children present on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.