



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/24/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-37229

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
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| 10/24/2022 | POI Follow Up | Good Standing |
| 08/03/2022 | Licensing Study | Support |
| 02/09/2022 | Monitoring Visit | 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 |
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| Main | A(dramatic play) | | 0 | 0 | C | 4 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | B(Library) | | 0 | 0 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | C(Game) | One Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 8 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Main | D(arts) | Two Year Olds | 1 | 5 | C | 6 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Main | E(movie) | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1 | 5 | C | 6 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time,Art |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 34 | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | 0 | |
| Total # Children this Date: 18 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 34 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | 0 | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main | Playground | 24 | C |

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a Plan of Improvement Follow-Up.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/24/2022

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

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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Thewanna Austell, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.12(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The TV had been removed.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that the following information was missing from the child records reviewed:

- Two out of five child records reviewed were missing whether the child had any known allergies, disabilities, or special accommodations.
- Two out of five child records reviewed were missing the child's physician information including the name and phone number.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022

Recited on 10/24/2022

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.08(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Complete attendance records were observed.

Facility

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The licensed capacity was met in each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.25(11) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The floor tiles have been repaired.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All hazardous items were stored inaccessible to children on this date.

Food Service

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.15(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The lunch meal met USDA guidelines.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure 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.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2022

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.18(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All food was stored in an airtight container and labeled.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.07(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No necklaces or other items worn around the neck were observed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.10(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Proper diapering procedures were discussed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.17(10) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The potty chairs have been removed.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.16(f) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Children were housed in the appropriate space on this date.

Policies and Procedures

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.21(p) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. A complete emergency plan was observed on this date.

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| Sleeping & Resting Equipment |
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Correction Deadline: 8/10/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.30(1)(b)1 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All nap mats have been replaced with two inch nap mats.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.30(1)(b)3 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Mat sheets and blankets were stored separately on this date.

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| Staff Records |
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Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.09(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a Comprehensive Background Check record on file as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.09(1)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a Comprehensive Background Check record on file as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.33(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Complete center orientation forms were observed in staff files.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation will be evaluated at the next Licensing Study conducted after January 1, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on a review of records that staff member # 1, the program director, had an education credential that was expired and did not possess at least one of the academic requirements as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2023

Recited on 10/24/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #2, staff member #4, and staff member #8 did not possess one of the qualifying credentials as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2023

Recited on 10/24/2022

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| Staffing and Supervision |
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Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022

Corrected on 10/24/2022

.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate supervision was observed on this date.