



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/19/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:05 AM

Departure: 11:10 AM

CCLC-2282

The Starting Point Day Care

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Quality Rated: No

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.
04/19/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/29/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/11/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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	Back		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	end left	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Middle front	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	5	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	middle rear infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	5	NC	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	Right toddler	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 46	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 46			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	46	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/19/2022

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)

Linda Smart, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

Date



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

Comment

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

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) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that six children were present in middle rear classroom which is only licensed for five children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

One child left during the visit and the room capacity was maintained during the rest of the visit. . The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute around the swings.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Per the director the Center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate redirection observed.

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

Comment

The two vehicles at the center during the visit were clean had the required fire extinguisher and first aid kits. The requested transportation documents were complete.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) - Upon the consultants arrival there were five infants present and the center only had four cribs in the room. One infant left during the visit. Discussed rule 591-1-1-.30(1)(a) which requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that upon the consultant's arrival an infant was observed sleeping in a car seat in the middle rear classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff removed the infant from the car seat and placed the child in a crib. The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/10/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Records Reviewed: 7**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 09/30/2021	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 05/14/2021	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 05/23/2016	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 10/01/1996	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/24/2011 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing	Not Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/15/2005	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2021

Corrected on 4/19/2022

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Criminal record checks were complete for the current staff.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2021

Corrected on 4/19/2022

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591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Not Met

Comment

Discussed lead teacher requirements for newly hired staff. Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Finding

591-1-1.31(2)(b) requires teachers/lead caregivers to meet minimum qualifications. It was determined based on discussion with the director that two lead teachers had not completed a program to meet the credential requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The teachers have completed the required class work hours. The staff has had to contact a new instructor to complete the remaining requirements to obtain the CDA credential. The staff will have place documentation that states the name of new instructor and date the credential is expected to be obtained

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.