



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/13/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:25 AM **Departure:** 3:10 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/13/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/25/2022	Licensing Study	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	Cafeteria		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 1 (First Right)	Infants	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Rm 10 (4th Lt.)	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Centers, Story
Main	Rm 12 (5th Lt.)	Four Year Olds	5	2	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm 3 (2nd Rt.)	One Year Olds	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Floor Play
Main	Rm 4 (1st Lt.)	One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm 5 (3rd Rt.)		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 6 (2nd Lt.)	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Centers
Main	Rm 7 (4th Rt. Therapy)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Transitioning
Main	Rm 8 (3rd Lt.)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers,Lunch, Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 54

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	7	C
Main	Lt. Playground	91	C
Main	Rt. Playground	122	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/13/2023

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

Stacey Davis, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Region Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that in room 7 a tall mirror was not secure and leaning against the wall by the cubbies.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will remove the mirror from the room until it can be properly secured to the wall.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(8) - Discussed children wearing hair beads. If a hair bead falls off, it is hazardous and a potential choking hazard for young children.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****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, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that the parent work address and the authorized release person address was not documented on the five children records reviewed on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will obtain the missing information. The center will revise the enrollment form to ensure all the required information is noted on the forms.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2023

	Facility
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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)**Not Met****Comment**

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

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that a tube of bite and sting relief was in child's book bag and accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The tube of sting relief was removed from the book bag. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute. Also spray the tree roots with a bright safe paint to make them visible to the children.

Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on observation that the center did not have copies of all the children feeding plan forms available in the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will make copies of the feeding plans from the enrollment forms. The center will ensure feeding plans are regularly updated and posted in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with new staff on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Center does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

The Center does not participate in field trips.

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**

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 that four of the six crib sheets were not tight fitting in room 3.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The director stated the center will purchase new crib sheets this afternoon. 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: 6/14/2023

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment

Evidence observed of more than 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Not Met**

Comment

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that annual training for the year 2022 was not complete for three of the five staff files reviewed on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff has started training for the year 2023. The center will ensure all required staff completes a minimum of ten hours of annual training for the year 2023.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.