



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/17/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:20 PM

CCLC-783

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> | | | 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. |
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| 07/17/2023 | Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 12/01/2022 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 06/10/2022 | Complaint Investigation & 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 | A-1L- Infants | Infants and One Year Olds | 2 | 6 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Nap,Floor Play |
| Main | B-2L Back | Two Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | Art |
| Main | B-2L Front | One Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 12 | C | NA | NA | Art |
| Main | D- Back Right-3's | Two Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 26 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | E Downstairs Pre-K | Four Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 39 | C | NA | NA | Art |
| Main | F- Downstairs A/S | Six Year Olds and Over | 2 | 16 | C | 33 | C | NA | NA | Music |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134 | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 48 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main | infant/toddler playground | 18 | C |
| Main | Large playground (older children) | 99 | C |

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

Susan Elam, Program Official

Date

Sharnette Glenn, Regional 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-.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.

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2022

Corrected on 7/17/2023

.12(2) -

The previous citation was corrected. The consultant did not observe any chairs with chipped paint or rust in the classrooms.

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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 secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of 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 in classroom F the left side of the classroom, it was three vacuums and an Indoor/Outdoor Absorbent pail that says (Keep out of reach of children) accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023**Comment**

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure all outlets are covered throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2023

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Comment

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with the provider to check the playground equipment for chipped paint daily.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2023

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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/10/2022****Corrected on 7/17/2023**

.16(f) - The previous citation was corrected.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2022

Corrected on 7/17/2023

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant reviewed the transportation training for each person responsible for transporting the children.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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| Staff Records |
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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**

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2023

Corrected on 7/17/2023

.14(2) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant reviewed staff members CPR and First Aid Certification.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer**

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2022

Corrected on 7/17/2023

.33(2) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant reviewed the staff members completed employee orientation.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- The consultant will review ten (10) annual clock hours of training for 2022 on the next visit.

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: 5/6/2022

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 review of records staff member #24 were hired as a lead teacher, but did not have an education credential.

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: 9/8/2023

Recited on 7/17/2023

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| Staffing and Supervision |
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.