



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

Date: 8/10/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 10:50 AM

CCLC-53568

Easter Seals North Georgia - Columbia

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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.
08/10/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/25/2021	Licensing Study	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	A- 6wk-12mths		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	B - 2 yrs		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 1's	One Year Olds	3	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Free Play
Main	D- 2's Potty Trained only	Two Year Olds	2	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E- 3-5 yrs		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- Pre-K		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	G- 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	3	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	H- 3-5- yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
Main	I-3-5 years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	J- 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 27			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 6 wks- 2 yrs	35	C
Main	Playground B - 3-5 yrs	56	C

Comments

An in-person inspection was conducted on August 10, 2022 with the Director. Background checks were all reviewed on August 10, 2022.

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 18, 2022. Staff files, children's files, and training documentation were all reviewed. The director's signature was obtained on the administrative review letter.

The Consultant completed the exit conference via phone and a copy of the Monitoring Visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on August 23, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/10/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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.'



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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) **Met**

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The 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. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

- The border on the steps leading to the large green climbing structure was loose and posed a potential tripping hazard. Additionally, there was a crack in the blue plastic area on the climbing structure causing an entrapment hazard.
- The paint on the green and beige portion of the climbing structure was chipped.
- There was rust on the bottom of the chain on the bucket seat swings.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2022

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)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/02/2022	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 11/17/2021	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 04/19/2018	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 02/12/2018	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/02/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/10/2018	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 11/01/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 07/29/2017	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 11/02/2020	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/20/2021	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 01/25/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 01/07/2021	Met
Staff # 15	Met

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/25/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2021

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2021

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 07/28/2018

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

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.