



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/19/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 2:40 PM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-50264

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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. 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.
07/19/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/16/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/07/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Barn	2nd Building right side Gym	Three Year Olds	2	23	C	0	NC	NA	NA	
Barn	L-3rd left Art Area		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Barn	M-4th left Dramatic Play		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Barn	N-5th left Block Area		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 0					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main Building	A-1st Left side	Infants	1	8	C	29	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main Building	B- 2nd left -2nd right side	One Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	C-3rd left 1st right	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	24	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main Building	D-Middle Room	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	34	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building	E-Right side 1st left	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	F-Pre-K Right side 1st right	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	G-Pre-K Right Side 2nd Left		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	H-Pre-K Right Side-2nd Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art

Main Building	I-Right Side 2nd right	0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA
Main Building	J-1st Right Side	0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 247 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 115 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 247 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of the visit was to complete the complaint investigation/monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/19/2023

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

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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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined that lesson plans observed to be posted in classrooms throughout the facility.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

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)**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.25(3)-The center is waiting on a part for the sink. The part is to arrive at the end of the week.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2023

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined that a prescription medication dispensed lacked the prescription numbers documented.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.13(6) requires Center Staff to have emergency medical information on each child who goes on a field trip that includes allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications required to be taken on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and phone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility the Center uses in the area where the Center is located, and the telephone numbers where the parent can be reached. The emergency medical information shall be left at the Center as well as taken on the trip in the possession of the adult in charge of the trip. It was determined that based on consultant review of the children's emergency medical information form all required information was not documented on the form.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will review emergency medical information for each child who goes on a field trip and obtain any missing information. The Center will ensure that this information is in the possession of both the Center and the required adult on the trip.

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

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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-.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.

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.