



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

Date: 10/20/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-35276

South Cobb Children's Enrichment Center

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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.
10/20/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/02/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/30/2021	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	A/1R	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B/2R	Two Year Olds	1	11	NC	9	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C/3R	Infants	1	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D/1L	PreK	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Middle		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 72					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 72			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	74	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow up to a visit conducted on May 2, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/20/2022

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)

Isioma Okonkwo, Program Official

Date

Brionne Higgins, 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.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.08(1)- Previous citation will be reviewed at the programs next annual visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2022

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 the center failed to maintain the assigned license capacity of 9 children in room B/2R. The consultant observed one one-year-old child and ten children two-year-old children with one staff member.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****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 potentially hazardous supplies were accessible to children. The consultant observed diaper cream to be stored in a child's cubby in the toddler classroom.

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: 10/20/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed ensuring that all outlets in reach of children have a protective cap with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Consultant discussed monitoring the playground for broken riding toys and replacing or repairing them as needed.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/2/2022****Corrected on 10/20/2022**

.15(5) - Consultant observed a menu listing all meals and snacks served during the current week on this date.

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**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2022

Corrected on 10/20/2022

.21(3) - Consultant observed a completed fire drill log on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant discussed ensuring that crib sheets are tight fitting with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 12/18/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Staff # 3

Met

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2020

Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2003	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 12/19/2019	
Staff # 10	Met

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-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022

Corrected on 10/20/2022

.33(5) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed ten clock hours of annual training for all required staff members.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

Corrected on 10/20/2022

.33(6) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed initial center orientation for all staff members.

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) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based observation that one teacher was observed to be working in the toddler classroom with eleven two-year-old children. A ratio of 1:10 is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.