



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/29/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-39037

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/29/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/08/2022	Complaint Closure	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	A- Infant Suite I -1st left/left side	Infants	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Tr ansitioning
Main	B-infant Suite II- 2nd left/left side		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C- Toddler I- 3rd left/left side	One Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Na p
Main	D- Dance rm. middle/left side	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E- Toddler 2A 4th left/left side	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F- 2's - 5th left/left side	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Transi tioning
Main	G- 2's - 6th left/left side		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H-3's- 7th left/left side	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,St ory
Main	I- Private 4's-1st Right/Right side	GA PreK	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J- Ga. PreK- 2nd left/right side	GA PreK	2	20	C	36	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	K- Preppy Jr.- 1st left/right side	Four Year Olds	2	18	C	31	C	NA	NA	Music

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 102	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left playground/Toddler	65	C
Main	Right side	58	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow up to a visit conducted on December 19, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/29/2023

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!

Jennifer Smith, Program Official

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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

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2022

Corrected on 3/29/2023

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed potentially hazardous materials to be in a locked area inaccessible to children.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed monitoring fencing material on the preschool playground to ensure that it is in good repair and does not present any open gaps or hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(9) - Consultant discussed ensuring that the diaper changing surface is free of food and utensils with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that staff in classroom F failed to wash their hands after diapering each child and before attending to another child in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2023

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

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

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2022

Corrected on 3/29/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed center staff to document in writing with a check to account for each child entering and exiting the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2022

Corrected on 3/29/2023

.36(7)(c)3. - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed center staff to document in writing the time of arrival and departure to and from the center.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that three infants were asleep in a bouncer and swing. Center staff stated that they allow the infants to stay asleep in a swing or bouncer for approximately fifteen minutes.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2023

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-.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.