



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/19/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-35652

Tender Years Learning Center #6

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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.
04/19/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/10/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/15/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	1st Left	Infants	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Flo or Play
Main	1st Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2nd Right	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	3rd Left		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Gym Back		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	Gym Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Gym Right		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 41

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Left	65	C
Main	Left Front	10	C
Main	Right	126	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a Monitoring Visit. The program does not provide swimming activities. Transportation and Medication records were reviewed on this date. Criminal Record Checks were observed complete.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/19/2023

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

Angela Bryant, Program Official

Date

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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)

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following fence hazards were present on the toddler playground:

- Gap at the bottom of the fence across from the center dumpster that measured five inches in height and thirteen inches in width and presented a potential entrapment hazard to the children in care.
- Gap at the bottom of the fence in the far left corner near the employee parking lot that had rusted fence pieces that were broken off and protruding which presented a potential entrapment hazard and a potential protrusion hazard to the children in care.
- Gap at the bottom of the fence on the right side near the old pool and facing the apartment complex that measured seven inches in height and seven inches in width and presented a potential entrapment hazard to the children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards observed. The Director stated that the gap near the center dumpster is being caused by the garbage truck when they come each week. The Director plans to speak with corporate about ensuring this does not become a continuous issue.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

Recited on 4/19/2023

Technical Assistance

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.

The consultant spoke with the Director about removing, repairing, or replacing the swing set on the Toddler Playground that had areas of chipping paint that presented a potential hazard to the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present on the playgrounds:

- An active ant bed was present on the Preschool Playground along the edge of the concrete near and presented a potential hazard to the children in care
- The PVC pipe border on the Preschool Playground had come unconnected and presented a potential tripping hazard to the children in care.
- A gate was open on the Toddler Playground near the old pool making the pool pump accessible to the children in care.
- The old pool was still partially filled in and the dirt was not leveled presenting a potential hazard to the children in care. The area had a tarp over the pool with safety cones and caution tape. The area has been like this for almost a year and the center had no plan to finish filling in the pool or putting another fence around the area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health Met

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022

Corrected on 4/19/2023

.07(5) - This citation was corrected on this date. No neck hazards were observed on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022

Corrected on 4/19/2023

.20(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. Medication records were observed complete 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

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) Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.