



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/17/2023 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

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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.
01/17/2023	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			<p>Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p> <p>Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</p> <p>Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p>

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 - 1st Left	Infants	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Free Play
Main	B - 2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play
Main	C - 3rd Left	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	D - 4th Left	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Music,Transitioning
Main	E - 5th Left	GA PreK	2	22	C	26	C	36	C	Transitioning,Centers
Main	F - Front Center	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	29	C	Centers
Main	G - Back Center	Four Year Olds	1	16	C	24	C	34	C	Transitioning,Clean Up
Main	H - 5th Right	GA PreK	2	19	C	21	C	30	C	Centers
Main	I - 4th Right	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	J - 3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K - 2nd Right	Two Year Olds	3	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	L - 1st Right	One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 230	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 267
Total # Children this Date: 179	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 267


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - Toddler	57	C
Main	Playground B - School-age	72	C
Main	Playground C - Toddler	19	C
Main	Playground D - Infants	9	C

Comments

An Initial Licensing Study was conducted on January 17, 2023. A Temporary License was issued on this date. Facility carries Liability Insurance.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.al.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 Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety. Please add more instruments in the classrooms, and ensure that dolls in the dramatic play area have clothes.

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-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies and ensure that the bathrooms are kept clean.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. A temporary license was issued on this date. The overall license capacity is xx children.

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 diaper creams; baby wipes; hand soap (with a keep out of reach of children label); toilet brushes; vacuum; and grocery bags were not stored in a locked cabinet/ in an area inaccessible to children.

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: 1/17/2023

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

Not Met

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 fence measure at (3) three feet (10) inches (3'10") high instead of the the required (4) four feet. The fence also had gaps which measured at 3.5 inches.

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 and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the Provider foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated 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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on observation that the three vehicles that are used to transport children did not have annual inspection reports on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Please ensure that crib sheets are fitted correctly over the mattress to avoid the mattress curling on the corners.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months. Please ensure that Professional Learning Plans are kept on file for all lead teachers that are working on their lead teacher credentials.

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.