



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/22/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:55 AM **Departure:** 2:55 PM

CCLC-23650

The Lady Bamford Early Childhood Education 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. 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.
06/22/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/07/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/15/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	A-Cruisers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Music, Transitioning
Main	B-Creepers	Infants	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-Explorers	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-Trail blazers		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-Navigators	GA PreK	2	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F-Jaquars	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 36			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (infants & ones)	10	C
Main	B (twos)	15	C
Main	C (3-4 year old)	34	C

Comments

This is the second regulatory visit of the fiscal year.

Per the Director, the center does not currently dispense medication, provide routine transportation, or swimming activities.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/22/2023

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.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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Kimberly Simmons, Program Official

Date

Chrissy Miller, SysAdmin

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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

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2023

.25(13) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected. The consultant discussed with the staff and Director that all potential hazards must remain inaccessible to the children in care at all times.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2023

.26(8) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected. The consultant observed that the center has removed the hazardous mulch from the playground area but due to inclement weather in the geographic area, the surface of the playground is submerged underwater and the center has contacted the City of Savannah to get this resolved. The consultant also observed that the center has palettes that contain numerous bags of rubber mulch to distribute onto the playground once the water is drained from the playground area.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2022

Corrected on 6/22/2023

.26(9) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected. The center's Director stated that the roots have been sprayed and there were no ant beds observed on the playground. The consultant also observed that due to inclement weather in the geographic area, the surface of the playground is submerged underwater and the center has contacted the City of Savannah to get this resolved.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Proper field trip documentation and regulations regarding checklists, name tags and permission forms was discussed on this date. Please ensure that the field trips forms include the parental/guardian signature for permission to participate in any field trips and the date that the permission was granted by the parent/guardian. The consultant observed two out of five field trips conducted since the last visit that was missing the date of when the parent/guardian granted permission to participate in field trips conducted on June 15, 2023 to Pooler Cinemas and on June 16, 2023 to Ellis Square/Wesley Community Center of Savannah, Inc. Please maintain all documentation for the next Licensing Study visit.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that staff member #12 was not ported electronically to the center prior to being present at the center with children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2023

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.