



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/1/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
02/01/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Support	
02/01/2023	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/03/2022	Complaint Closure	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-Infants-1st Rt	Infants	2	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- 2nd Rt-Infants	One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	C- 3rd Rt- 1 y/o		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D- 4th Rt- 1 y/o	One Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E-5th Rt- 2 y/o	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F-6th Right-2 y/o	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music,Transitioning
Main	G-1st Left- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H- 2nd Lft- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	I- 3rd Lft-4 y/o	GA PreK	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story,Art
Main	J-Back Hall-4 y/o	GA PreK	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	K-Back Hall-5 y/o	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	L-Back Hall-6y/o	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	M-Back Hall-End-7+	Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	N-Cafeteria-5-12y/o		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Infant - 2 year playground	55	C
Main	B: 3-4 Year Old Playground	23	C
Main	Back Playground	48	C
Main	C: School Age Playground	47	C
Main	Front Paved Playground	7	C
Main	Left Playground	19	C
Main	Right Playground	44	C

Comments

Consultant conducted an onsite monitoring visit on Febraury 1, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/01/2023

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

Donna Brown, 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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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.

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 upon observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children:

B-2nd Rt

-There was a broom by the door.

E-5th Rt- 2 y/o

-A pack of baby wipes were in a child's cubby.

-There were plastic bags in children's cubbies.

-There was a broom beside the trash can.

F-6th Right-2 y/o

-Plastic grocery bags were in an unlocked drawer cabinet.

G-1st Left- 3 y/o

-There was a broom next to the trash can.

-There were plastic grocery bags in children's cubbies.

H-2nd Lft- 3 y/o

-There were plastic grocery bags in the children's cubbies.

I- 3rd Left

-There was a broom, dust pan, and push vacuum next to the sink.

J- Back Hall

-There was a push vacuum in the bathroom next to the toilet.

-There was a broom next to the back window.

-There was a Swiffer mop next to the sink.

K-Back Hall

-There was a container of Vaseline in a child's cubby.

M-Back Hall-End- 7+

-There was a broom and dust pan next to the sink.

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: 2/1/2023

Recited on 2/1/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

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. It was determined based upon observation that the coating was peeling off of two out of two swing chains on the Back Playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

Recited on 2/1/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.26(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. Playgrounds were observed to be free of hazards.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that there was a one-year-old child in classroom D-4th Rt wearing a beaded necklace.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

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

Met

Comment

Discussed labeling of "diapering only" areas and staff work stations.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that children did not wash their hands before lunch in classroom D-4th Rt.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.17(8) - This citation was corrected on this date. Staff were observed to use proper handwashing.

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-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Please ensure that all children being transported routinely has a vehicle emergency form on file.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.30(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Infants were observed to be asleep in safety approved crib free of objects.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.09(1)(j) - This citation was corrected on this date. All required staff were ported electronically as required. Consultant reviewed all comprehensive background checks on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022

Corrected on 2/1/2023

.32(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. All operating classrooms were observed to have appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.