



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/12/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-1858

Westwood Day Care Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/12/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/21/2023	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/21/2023	Incident Investigation 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	
1	Infant 1		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA		
1	Infant 2	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
1	Infant 3		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA		
1	Jr 4	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap	
1	Jr. 1		0	0	C	103	C	NA	NA		
1	Jr. 3	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap	
1	Jr.2		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA		
1	Toddler 1		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA		
1	Toddler 2	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Lunch	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			161			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
2	Pre K	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	14	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning	
2	Preschool 1 & 2	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning	
2	Preschool 3, 4		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA		
2	School age	Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	C	25	C	34	C	Free Play	
2	School Age	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	25	C	35	C	Free Play	

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 88	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 211	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1	1 yr. old playground	15	C
1	2 yrs.	27	C
1	3,4 yr playground	41	C
1	Infants	5	C
1	SA playground	62	C


Comments

This was the first visit of the fiscal year.

Program is currently a three star Quality Rated program.

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.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!

Beverly Rush, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study 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

Swimming activities provided off site.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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

Director provided five file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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.