



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/15/2023 **VisitType:** CI/ILS Follow-Up **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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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.
06/15/2023	CI/ILS Follow-Up	N/A	
05/24/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/10/2023	Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study	N/A	

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	A-1R	One Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	A-1R	One Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B-2R	One Year Olds	1	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B-2R	One Year Olds	1	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C-3R	Infants	1	7	NC	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	C-3R	Infants	1	7	NC	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D-Far Right	Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	20	C	28	C	Transitioning
Main	D-Far Right	Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	20	C	28	C	Transitioning
Main	E- Front Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	25	C	25	C	35	C	Transitioning
Main	E- Front Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	25	C	25	C	35	C	Transitioning
Main	F-Back Left	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F-Back Left	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 170						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 206				
Total # Children this Date: 150			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 170			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 206				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground-Infant/toddler	5	C
Main	Playground-Infant/toddler	5	C
Main	Playground-prschool-S/A	72	C
Main	Playground-prschool-S/A	72	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an Initial Licensing Study follow-up.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/15/2023

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!

Lauren Davis, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a CI/ILS Follow-Up:

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023

Corrected on 6/15/2023

.26(4) - This citation observed to be corrected on this date. The perimeter fence around the playground measures four (4) feet in all areas.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2023

Corrected on 6/15/2023
.07(2) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date.

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
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-.36 Transportation(CR) Met

Comment
Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that the Staff:child ratios in Classroom C-3R were 1:7 where 1:6 were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2023

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023****Corrected on 6/15/2023**

.32(7) - Previous citation observed to be corrected on this date. All children were observed to be appropriately supervised.