



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/25/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:20 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-49043

It Takes A Village Learning 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.
01/25/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/22/2022	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 - 3 and up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	9	C	13	C	Nap
Main	B - 6 weeks to 35 months	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-6 weeks to 14 months	Infants	1	3	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 39						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 43				
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 39			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 43				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground all ages	16	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow-up to previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/25/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Chankevia Jones, Program Official

Date

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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)

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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

Corrected on 1/25/2023

.25(13) - Previous citation was corrected/ Consultant did not observed any hazardous materials accessible to the children on this day.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the ceiling tiles in the walkway of the center was hanging and could be a potential hazards to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Recited on 1/25/2023

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

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

Corrected on 1/25/2023

.26(4) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed the fence and gate to be in compliance.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

Corrected on 1/25/2023

.10(2) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed a working sink in the classroom.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

Corrected on 1/25/2023

.17(7) - Previous citation was corrected.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

Corrected on 1/25/2023

.17(8) - Previous citation was corrected.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License Met

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

Corrected on 1/25/2023

.16(f) - Previous citation was corrected. Center submitted amendment and has been approved.

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) Met

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2021

Corrected on 1/25/2023

.36(4)(c) - Previous citation was corrected. Center staff that the center is currently not transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2022

Corrected on 1/25/2023

.33(5) - Previous citation was corrected.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(1) - Consultant observed the one's and two's classroom to have 1 staff and 12 children. Staff stated that the other teacher went on break.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that the three teachers responsible for children in care in room A, B and C were all in front lobby when consultant walked in leaving children unsupervised with no staff.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times. In the event of no extra staff available to open the front door, staff in charge of children will move students with them to remain in compliance.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2023

Recited on 1/25/2023