



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/16/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

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Quality Rated: No

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.
08/16/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/28/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
02/20/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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 Building	A - 1st Right	Infants	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main Building	B - 2nd Right	Infants	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Floor Play
Main Building	C - 3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	D - 4th Right	One Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	E - 5th Right	One Year Olds	3	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Transitioning
Main Building	F - 6th Right	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	G - 7th Right	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Floor Play
Main Building	H - 8th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Floor Play
Main Building	I - 4th Left		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	J - 3rd Left	GA PreK	2	19	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main Building	K - 2nd Left	Three Year Olds	2	23	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main Building	L - 1st Left		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 256	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 118	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 256	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Playground A - Infants	5	C
Main Building	Playground B - Toddlers	53	C
Main Building	Playground C - Preschool	78	C
Main Building	Playground C (Patio)	6	C
Main Building	Playground D - School Age	24	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on previous rule violations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/16/2023

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)



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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 routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****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 on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children:

classroom 3R , 5R, 6R 7R and 8R - the diaper table cabinet doors were unlocked, containing multiple tubes of diaper ointment and wipes. Also, in classroom 6R, a bottle of clorox cleaning solution was on the counter, accessible to children. All items were labeled keep out of reach of children.

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: 8/16/2023

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(8) - Discussed with director and staff to label any open food container with the date.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023**Health and Hygiene**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - Discussed with director and staff to ensure all children wash their hands immediately prior to eating.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 19 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(g) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure prospective staff are not present or working in classroom for a "working interview" without a completed satisfactory background check from the department.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2023

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.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2023

Corrected on 8/16/2023

.32(7) - The previous citation is corrected in that adequate supervision was provided in all classrooms.