



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 3/4/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:20 PM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-36048

Ms. Niecy's Home Away From Home 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.
03/04/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/22/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/21/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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
Bldg II	A 1L	GA PreK	1	8	C	17	C	23	C	Transitioning
Bldg II	B 1R	GA PreK	1	13	C	15	C	21	C	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109							
Building III	Main		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109			Building @35 capacity limited by Zoning				
Main	A-Front Rm.	One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B- PreK Left Room	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Main	C- Right Room		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D- 3	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109							
Main-Downstairs	Rm. E- 1's-2's	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109							
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	178	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on March 4, 2022 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/04/2022

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.decals.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



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@decals.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Jeanne Beals, Program Official

Date

Lajuana Williams, Consultant

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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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through a variety of toys and equipment was observed. Rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting was discussed this date..

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed to be compliant with the licensed capacity.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through no hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was inadequate resilient surface beneath one swing set.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) **Met**

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through infant sleeping was not directly observed, however, staff sated proper knowledge of SIDS and the safe infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2013

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2020

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/29/2021	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/01/2013	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 07/01/2013	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/02/2013	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/29/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/29/2021	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 04/27/2020	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 11/06/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed on this date.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2021

Corrected on 3/4/2022

.03(9) - Previous cite observed corrected. During a virtual visit the step stool device was observed in the toddler restroom to assist the children in reaching the toilet area without requiring additional assistance from staff.