



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

Date: 5/5/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

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.
05/05/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/22/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/22/2022	Complaint Closure	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	PreK	2	17	C	17	C	23	C	Outside
Bldg II	B 1R		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	Not In Use
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	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	B- PreK Left Room	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main	C- Right Room		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D- 3	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
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	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109							
Total # Children this Date: 62			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	178	C

Comments

LS conducted this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/05/2022

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.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



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!

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

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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

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.

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**

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the floor on the left side of room B located near the yellow and white table was detaching and posed a possible tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that green sliding board was cracked and posed a possible finger entrapment hazard. Additionally,, chipping paint was observed accessible on the swing sets.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2022

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**

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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Records Reviewed: 17**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 09/18/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2013

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 10/07/2019

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 10/27/2018

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2013

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2013

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 10/02/2013

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2016

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 04/27/2020

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 11/06/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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) **Met**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.