



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

Date: 2/28/2022 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:55 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-46519

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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. |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|--|
| 02/28/2022 | Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 11/18/2021 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 06/15/2021 | Licensing Study | 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 - 104 | | 0 | 0 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | B - 106 | One Year Olds | 2 | 7 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | C - 108 | | 0 | 0 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | D - 110 | | 0 | 0 | C | 25 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | E - 120 | Infants and One Year Olds | 2 | 7 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | Story |
| Main | F - 119 | One Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 35 | C | NA | NA | Diapering, Floor Play |
| Main | G - 117 | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 26 | C | NA | NA | Art |
| Main | H - 115 | Three Year Olds | 3 | 20 | C | 28 | C | NA | NA | Story |
| Main | I - 228 | Infants and One Year Olds | 1 | 4 | C | 16 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | J - 226 | | 0 | 0 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | K - 222 | Two Year Olds | 2 | 15 | C | 26 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | L - 220 | Three Year Olds | 2 | 11 | C | 31 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | M - 216 | GA PreK | 2 | 13 | C | 38 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Main | N - 213 | GA PreK | 2 | 13 | C | 34 | C | NA | NA | Lunch, Transitioning |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 350

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 104

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 350

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | A - Up left | 17 | C |
| Main | B - Up back | 70 | C |
| Main | C - Downstairs Rt | 22 | C |
| Main | D - Down Splash Pad | 19 | C |
| Main | E - Nature Walk | 9 | C |
| Main | F - Down Garden | 15 | C |
| Main | G - Downstairs Back | 31 | C |

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on February 28, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff profile received and reviewed March 2, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/28/2022

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.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



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.state.ga.us 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)

Loni Smith, 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 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

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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 proper diapering procedures observed.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through 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 age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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 a pleasant naptime environment was observed. Compliant cribs were observed and the Director stated proper knowledge of the infant safe sleep position.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 32****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 12/27/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2019

Staff # 4

Met

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 03/12/2020

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| Staff # 6 | Met |
| Staff # 7 | Met |
| Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 03/28/2019 | Met |
| Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/25/2021 | Met |
| Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 03/25/2019 | Met |
| Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/28/2020 | Met |
| Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 03/22/2021 | Met |
| Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 02/24/2000 | Met |
| Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 07/18/2007 | Met |
| Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 12/06/2018 | Met |
| Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 07/25/2019 | Met |
| Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 04/26/2021 | Met |
| Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 10/18/2017 | Met |
| Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/17/2017 | Met |
| Staff # 20 | Met |
| Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 10/31/2017 | Met |
| Staff # 22 | Met |

Records Reviewed: 32

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 02/17/2020

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2020

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2006

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 02/13/2020

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2020

Staff # 28 Met

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2017

Staff # 30 Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2019

Staff # 31 Met

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete and verified in Koala Outback. Please be mindful of expiration dates.

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

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.