



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

Date: 12/15/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:20 PM

Departure: 4:45 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.
12/15/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/02/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
02/28/2022	Incident 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
Main	A - 104	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B - 106	One Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C - 108	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D - 110	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E - 120	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F - 119	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	35	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning, Diapering, Snack
Main	G - 117	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	26	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Centers
Main	H - 115	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I - 228	Infants	2	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Breakfast
Main	J - 226	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	3	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art, Floor Play
Main	K - 222	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	4	C	26	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, TV
Main	L - 220	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	31	C	NA	NA	Story, Art, Transitioning
Main	M - 216		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Main	N - 213	PreK	2	12	C	34	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Out side
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Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 350

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 78

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

MV conducted this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/15/2022

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.decal.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@decal.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)

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

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)

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Discussed ensuring any air purifiers were stored in areas where they could not be knocked over and cords were inaccessible to the children.

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**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****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.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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: 37****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/27/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2019	
Staff # 6	Met

Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 03/12/2020	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/03/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/15/2022	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/28/2008	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 03/25/2019	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 09/28/2020	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 05/02/2022	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/29/2022	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/29/2022	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/29/2022	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 02/24/2000	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 07/18/2007	Met
Staff # 22	Met

Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 10/18/2017	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 07/17/2017	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 10/31/2017	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 02/17/2020	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 02/12/2020	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 10/03/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 07/24/2006	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 02/10/2020	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 10/04/2017	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 08/22/2022	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 10/24/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 34	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 08/08/2022	Met
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 08/27/2019	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 08/01/2022	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 16

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.