



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/11/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-52376

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/11/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/02/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/23/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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-1R- 4's & 5's	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Main	B- 2R-3's	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Main	C- 3R-1's & 2's	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Main	D- 4R-Infants & 1's	Infants	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Feeding	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations	
Total # Children this Date: 31			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground All Ages	25	C

Comments

Visit completed

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/11/2023

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 user id 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)



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!

Precious Fuller, Program Official

Date

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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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

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 was observed accessible to children:

Room A- Unlocked cabinet with a bottle of peroxide on the self, adult scissors and a stapler in a cubbie and hand sanitizer and Huggies wipes on a shelf.

Room B- Toilet brush stored in the children's bathroom and baby wipes in a cubbie

Room C- Baby wipes stored in a cabinet with a broken lock

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: 4/11/2023

Recited on 4/11/2023

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022

Corrected on 4/11/2023

.25(3) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the vent had been cleaned.

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of playground equipment with Staff.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2022

Corrected on 4/11/2023

.26(6) - The previous citation was corrected. It was observed that the swing chains had been repaired.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that there was an unlocked gray cabinet with hand sanitizer and baby wipes accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2023

Recited on 4/11/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022

Corrected on 4/11/2023

.18(5) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed the temperature in the refrigerator at 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022

Corrected on 4/11/2023

.20(3) - The previous citation was corrected.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or 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**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022****Corrected on 4/11/2023****.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was corrected. The staff person was no longer employed at the center.****Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022****Corrected on 4/11/2023****.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was corrected. The staff person was no longer employed at the center.****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on review of records that Center Staff did not electronically port the determination letter as required for staff person #14. A one day letter was left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will to ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/2/2022****Corrected on 4/11/2023****.33(3) - The previous citation was corrected. The staff person obtained the required training.**

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.