

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 4/9/2019 VisitType: Incident Investigation Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 4:45 PM

Closure from visit on

Support

Deficient

03/14/2019

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#### CCLC-39397

#### Childcare Network #29

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Same

Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation				
04/09/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient		
04/01/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing		
04/01/2019	Complaint Investigation & 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.

 Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

rules.

 Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

#### Comments

## Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



Reminder: <u>All</u> employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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 citati to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.	ons noted in this report	with which you disagree. To refute a citati	ion(s), e-mail the following information
1) Facility name, license number and visit of 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are reful.	, e-mail address & up t		
Refutations must be submitted to Child Car	e Services (CCS) withir	n 10 business days of the completion date.	
A sample form for submitting a refutation ca	n be found at: http://de	ecal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationIn	oformation.aspx
Your refutation will be forwarded to the app this process, contact our office at 404-657-		who will follow up with you about your con-	cerns. If you have any questions about
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# **Summary Report**

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation Closure:

**Facility** 

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

Not Met

#### **Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined during an investigation that on February 26, 2019, an interior playground fence was left open while children were at play and the fencing material was not well maintained. As a result, a four-year-old child ran into the open gate, fell and cut their lip on the exposed, sharp metal prongs at the bottom of the gate. The child suffered a deep laceration to the top lip that required EMT transportation and professional medical treatment.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2019

Organization

# 591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations

Not Met

# **Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.37(d) requires the Center and Staff to cooperate with any inspection or investigation by responding truthfully to any legitimate departmental inquiry. Failure to cooperate with a Department inspection or investigation shall constitute good cause for the denial, restriction, revocation or suspension of a License, Permit or commission. It was determined during an investigation that center staff failed to respond truthfully when asked questions concerning vital details surrounding an incident that resulted in an injury. Staff knowingly provided inaccurate information and prompted other staff members to do so as well.

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# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center and Center staff will cooperate truthfully with any inspection or investigation.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2019

# **Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.37(e) requires the Center shall not make or condone any Staff to make a false or misleading statement to the Department in connection with any authorized investigation or inspection being conducted by the Department. It was determined that center staff provided and were instructed to provide false statements regarding details surrounding an incident involving a four-year-old child who fell and sustained an injury to the lip that required emergency medical transport and professional medical treatment.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will not make, or condone Staff to make false or misleading statements to the Department.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2019

# **Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Not Met** 

# **Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined during an investigation that on February 26, 2019, watchful oversight was not provided when staff were unaware that an interior playground gate was left open by another staff member while children were at play and that a four-year-old child ran into the gate and sustained a laceration to the top lip that required professional medical treatment.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

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