



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**CCLC-35299**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
11/04/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
11/04/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/07/2019	Complaint Closure	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	1L		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	1R	PreK	3	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2L	Infants	1	3	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	3L	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3R		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	4L	One Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	5L	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	6L	One Year Olds	2	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 177						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 63			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 177			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - Infant/Toddler	25	C
Main	Playground B - Preschool	48	C
Main	Playground C - Field	38	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Plan of Improvement follow-up visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on October 7, 2019.

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

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.

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#### 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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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.

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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 New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Debra Pittman-Davis, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

	<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/7/2019**

**Corrected on 11/4/2019**

**.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed ceiling tile to be fixed. Consultant further observed there to be no bug traps present. Consultant observed dead bugs to be removed from light fixtures. Consultant observed the light fixture in classroom 3L to be repaired.**

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

**Defer**

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591-1-1-.26(6)- The previous citation was deferred due to the rain preventing opportunity for repair.

**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: 10/14/2019**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.26(8)- The citation was deferred due to the rain preventing opportunity for repair.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 10/14/2019**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.26(9)- The citation was deferred due to the rain preventing opportunity for repair.

**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: 10/14/2019**