



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/30/2019 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:55 AM **Departure:** 12:35 PM

**CCLC-37885**

**Childcare Network #250**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
12/30/2019	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing
12/30/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
09/25/2019	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/1L	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Main	B/2L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	C/3L	One Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	D/4L	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	E/5R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F/4R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	G/3R/Pre-K 1		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	H/2R/Pre-K 2		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	I/1R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 57

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175


Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Infant (Front)	10	C
Main	PG- Preschool (Left)	84	C
Main	PG- School Age (Right)	72	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.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://decal.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.

**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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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Shonda Willingham, Program Official

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

### Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

**Correction Deadline: 9/27/2019**

**Corrected on 12/30/2019**

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all equipment and furniture was observed to be in good repair and free of hazardous conditions on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

**Correction Deadline: 9/25/2019**

**Corrected on 12/30/2019**

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that no potential hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Defer

**Defer**

591-1-1-.26(4)- The citation was deferred and will be reevaluated at the next regulatory visit. The center had evidence of a contract with a fencing company, which had repaired most of the fence. Due to inclement weather, the first and second section of the fence between the Preschool (Left) and School-Age (Right) Playgrounds which was observed to not be secured to the ground has not been repaired but was scheduled to be repaired in January 2020.

**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: 10/11/2019**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.26(9)- The citation was deferred and will be reevaluated at the next regulatory visit due to the center having a plan of action. Evidence of communication with corporate management and maintenance staff was available for repairing the uneven concrete in front of the basketball goal on the School-Age (Right) Playground on this date.

**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: 9/25/2019**