



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 6/21/2023 **VisitType:** TA Follow Up

**Arrival:** 9:00 AM

**Departure:** 10:30 AM

**CCLC-30916**

**Technical Assistance Unit  
Consultant**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
06/21/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/22/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/26/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Max 35 SF.	Max 25 SF.
Main	1R		17	NA
Main	2R		13	NA
Main	3R		18	NA
Main	4R		19	NA
Main	D 1L		21	NA
Main	E 2L		21	NA
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	
Total # Children this Date: 0		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Main	PG Back	20
Main	PG Front	34

**Comments**

This visit was to conduct a TA Follow-Up Visit. TA Consultant and director discussed the progress made on the goals set at the previous TA Visit. TA Consultant conducted a walk through of the facility. Goals and action steps were created based on the issues observed during the walk through. Scheduled next TA Visit for 7-17-23 at 12:30 pm.

**Strength Based TA**

Strong teacher/child interactions.

Plan of Improvement:

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.decgal.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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://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)



#### 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@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Brittany Seabolt, Program Official

Date

Jana Albertson, Technical Assistance Unit Consultant

Date

						Facility
<p><b>Rule: 591-1-1-.25(13) - (13) Indoor Storage Areas.</b> Potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies shall be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. Examples of items to be stored include non-food related products under pressure in aerosol dispensing cans, flammable and corrosive materials, cleaning supplies, poisons, insecticides, office supplies and industrial-sized or commercial buckets with a capacity of three gallons or more or any other similar device with rigid sides which would not tip over if a toddler fell into the container head first.</p>						
<p><b>S.M.A.R.T Goal:</b> Director will ensure potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies are stored in a locked area inaccessible to children.</p>						
Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Staff in the Butterflies Classroom will move plastic bags containing diapers and store them where they are inaccessible to children.	Staff	06/22/2023	Developed		
2	Staff in the Butterflies Classroom will store the wipes packages in an area where they are inaccessible to children,	Staff	06/22/2023	Developed		
3	Administration will remove any plastic bags in hallways to eliminate the access by children.	Administration	06/22/2023	Developed		
3	Staff in the HoneyBees Classroom will check bookbags each morning to ensure no hazardous items are accessible to children.	Staff	06/22/2023	Developed		
Materials Needed:						

<b>Facility</b>						
Resources Provided:						
<b>Health and Hygiene</b>						
<b>Rule: 591-1-1-.07(5) - (5) Hazardous Items. Children shall not be permitted to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items.</b>						
<b>S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure children are not permitted to wear around their necks or attached to clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items.</b>						
Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Staff in the HoneyBees Classroom will remove any pacifier clips, which attach to clothing, to eliminate the strangulation hazard they pose.	Staff	06/22/2023	Developed		
Materials Needed:						
Resources Provided:						
<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>						
<b>Rule: 591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - 1. Cot and Mat Construction. Cots and mats shall be of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child. Mats must be in good repair, washable, covered with waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick.</b>						
<b>S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure mats are of sound construction and are in good repair.</b>						
Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will inspect mats in classrooms and cover areas where inside foam is exposed until mats can be replaced,	Director	06/23/2023	Developed		
Materials Needed:						
Resources Provided:						