



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/19/2023 **VisitType:** TA Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:45 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-3329

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/19/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing
03/31/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
03/31/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Max 35 SF.	Max 25 SF.
Main	1R		25	NA
Main	2R		24	NA
Main	3R Back		18	NA
Main	3R front		32	NA
Main	4R Back		13	NA
Main	4R Front		35	NA
Main	5R left side		23	NA
Main	5R right side		18	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Main	Playground - A	44
Main	Playground - B	152
Main	Playground - C	8

Comments

This visit was to conduct the H&S Grant Action Planning Visit. TA Consultant and director discussed the History Grid, most recent regulatory visit and AA information to determine what citations to focus on when ordering for the H&S Grant. TA Consultant acquired a staff/child ratio in the classrooms along with the names of the staff members in each class. Scheduled next TA H&S Visit for 6-20-23 at 9:30 am.

Strength Based TA

Pleasant classroom atmospheres observed.

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.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 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@dec.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Catherine Corey, Program Official

Date

Jana Albertson, Consultant

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Facility						
Rule: 591-1-1-.25(3) - (3) Cleanliness. The Center and surrounding premises shall be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center.						
S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure that center and surrounding premises are kept clean, free of debris and in good repair.						
Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will inspect ceiling tiles to determine if replacements are needed.	Director	06/20/2023	Developed		
Materials Needed:						
Resources Provided:						
Rule: 591-1-1-.26(9) - (9) Safety and Upkeep of Playground. Playgrounds shall 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.						
S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure that playgrounds are kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards.						
Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will research to determine if pine trees outside of playground area can be removed in order to eliminate the accumulation of pine cones, pine needles and broken limbs falling onto the playground.	Director	06/20/2023	Developed		

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(9) - (9) Safety and Upkeep of Playground. Playgrounds shall 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.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure that playgrounds are kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
2	Director will inspect borders surrounding playground equipment to determine if replacement is necessary.	Director	06/20/2023	Developed		
3	Director will inspect building walls on playground area to determine if painting is needed to eliminate the peeling paint.	Director	06/20/2023	Developed		
3	Director will inspect fencing surrounding the A/C units to determine if repairs are needed.	Director	06/20/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided: