



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/11/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:35 AM **Departure:** 5:35 PM

**CCLC-55324**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<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.
05/11/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/07/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
01/24/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Flo or Play
Main	B-2L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play
Main	C-3L	One Year Olds	3	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Main	D-4L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	19	C	27	C	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	E-4R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	19	C	27	C	Art
Main	F-3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	19	C	27	C	Transitioning,Nap
Main	G-2R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	H-1R	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	I - Front	GA PreK	1	9	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168
Total # Children this Date: 122	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A-infant	32	C
Main	PG B-school age	85	C
Main	PG C-all ages	42	C
Main	PG D-preschool	89	C
Main	PG E-toddler	32	C

#### **Comments**

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

Reminders: Refer to the published communicable disease chart for guidance regarding communicable diseases. In most scenarios, only outbreaks/clusters should be reported to the local health districts.

Please be sure to contact the Oconee County Department of Health, if there are outbreaks/clusters of positive COVID-19 cases immediately, and get their guidance. Please be sure to also complete a Required Report in DECAL KOALA for all individual cases of communicable diseases within 24 hours.

Be sure to select "Notifiable Communicable Diseases" to report closures for COVID cases.

You must be sure to enter all temporary closures (vacation, emergencies, holidays etc...) in DECAL KOALA at all times under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily because you are not caring for children for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

All amendments are required to be electronically entered in DECAL KOALA effective August 2, 2021.

Please be sure to hide staff who are no longer employed in your DECAL KOALA account. Please reach out for help with this, if needed.

Please ensure that director and staff responsible for food preparation completes the four (4) hours of nutrition training as soon as possible but within the first year of employment.

For centers conducting transportation, please remember that the transportation training certificates must be renewed every two years for everyone participating in transportation including the director. Please ensure that directors ensure that they also complete the transportation training upon being hired at the center.

Provided updated orientation checklist.

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.decga.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), 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.

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

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Wade Sara, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/20/2023**

**Corrected on 5/11/2023**

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the director stated that the teacher was directed to complete supervision training. The teacher is no longer employed. There were supervision trainings that were completed by staff. There are reminders to teachers to walk around even when outside, and to ensure they are listening so that they can attend quickly. Staff also watch training videos.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023**

**Corrected on 5/11/2023**

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that there was six inches of resilient surface observed near the swings and the equipment. Please ensure to refluff and redistribute the mulch in the fall zone areas daily.

**Staff Records**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

-Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10-year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the childcare industry.

-Please ensure that all staff, volunteers, independent contractors, substitutes etc...has their records check electronically ported to the center's list in KOALA before being present at the facility.

-Please ensure that records checks are redone if there is a six-month (180 calendar days) break in service from the childcare industry.

-Please also ensure that satisfactory records checks are updated before the expiration date.

-Ensure that all therapists and other independent contractors have an updated records check on file, before being present at the center or home.

-Please ensure that staff with a national background check is always present with a staff who has a comprehensive background check. Staff should never be by themselves.

**Comment**

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #1 hired on December 6, 2022 and staff #22 hired on January 3, 2023, did not have evidence of having completed the Health and Safety Orientation training within the required 90 days.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

**Correction Deadline: 6/10/2023**