



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 5/10/2022    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:10 AM    **Departure:** 10:10 AM

**CCLC-1717**

**Discovery Point #33**

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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.
05/10/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/03/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/16/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	B- 2L	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	C-3L	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	D- 1R PreK 1		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA		
Main	E- 2R PreK 2		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA		
Main	F- 3R PreK 3		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA		
Main	G- 4R		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA		
Main	H- Back middle		0	0	C	40	C	NA	NA		
Main	I- Middle Cafe	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over and GA PreK	3	43	C	40	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:						232	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 65						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 232		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	20	C
Main	Preschool	86	C
Main	School Age	75	C

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow up on a visit conducted on February 16, 2022. The administrative review was due on May 17, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/27/2022

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



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

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)

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Kaitlyn Mayton, Program Official

Date

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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that the center failed maintain the assigned capacity of 40 children for the middle cafe room. The consultant observed 43 children in the cafe area with three staff members.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Defer**

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591-1-1-.26(4)- Consultant was unable to properly observed the playground due to construction. Playground will be observed during the next regulatory visit.

**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: 2/21/2022**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed monitoring the playground when the construction is complete to ensure that it is clean and free of hazards with the Director.

**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2022**

**Health and Hygiene**

**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection used in the classrooms.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) Met**

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2022**

.36(7)(c)2. - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed transportation forms to have a mark/symbol for each child listed on the transportation checklist who entered and exited the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2022**

.36(7)(c)3. - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed transportation documents to have a written arrival and departure time for each vehicle departed from the center.

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2022**

.36(7)(d)1. - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed transportation forms to have a first check accounted for.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 18**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met  
Date of Hire: 12/13/2021

Staff # 2 Met  
Date of Hire: 11/18/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met  
Date of Hire: 11/02/2021

Staff # 5 Met  
Date of Hire: 10/08/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/21/2015

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met  
Date of Hire: 04/19/2021

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met  
Date of Hire: 02/25/2021

Staff # 12 Met  
Date of Hire: 01/20/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

**Records Reviewed: 18**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 17 Met  
Date of Hire: 11/17/2016

Staff # 18 Met  
Date of Hire: 04/30/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met**

**Comment**  
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met**

**Finding**  
591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that six out of fifteen staff were missing or had an expired First Aid and CPR certification.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**  
The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

**Correction Deadline: 6/30/2022**

**Recited on 5/10/2022**

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met**

**Comment**  
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met**

**Comment**  
Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Met**

**Comment**  
Adequate supervision observed on this date.

**The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:**

**Staffing and Supervision**

**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2022**  
.32(2) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed appropriate staff:child ratios in all classrooms.

