



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/8/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:00 AM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-48374**

**Childcare Network #311**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/08/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/06/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/29/2022	Licensing Study	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	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play	
Main	B- 2L		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	C- 3L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Main	D- 4L		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	E- 5L	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Main	F- Back Left		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	G- Back Middle	GA PreK	2	11	C	31	C	NA	NA	Story	
Main	H- 1R	GA PreK	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Main	I- 2R	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Main	J- 3R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	K- 4R	GA PreK	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Main	L- Center	GA PreK	2	14	C	30	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 244						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 101						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 244				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground	321	C
Main	Left playground	50	C

## Comments

The purpose of this visit was to follow up to a visit conducted on Decemeber 6, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/08/2023

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.al.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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Lisa Cavender, Program Official

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that hazardous supplies were store in an unlocked cabinet, accessible to children. Consultant observed lysol disinfectant spray and colorox wipes on an open shelf in the center middle classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 5/8/2023**

**Recited on 5/8/2023**

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed ensuring that fencing material is monitored for chipping paint and rust and repairing the fence as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/8/2023****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Director stated that the back preschool playground is currently not in use due to construction. Consultant discussed ensuring that the playground is monitored for hazards before it is reopened.

**Correction Deadline: 5/8/2023**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that center staff failed to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water immediately after handling bodily fluids in the third left classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 5/8/2023**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) - Consultant discussed ensuring that the center is utilizing the annual vehicle inspection form provided by the department to document all vehicle inspections.

**Correction Deadline: 5/13/2023****Correction Deadline: 12/6/2022**

Corrected on 5/8/2023

.36(7)(d)1. - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed center staff to document a first check signature.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that mats in classroom 5L, back middle, and 2R not good repair as required. Consultant observed mats to have rips and tears, exposing the foam on the inside.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick.

**Correction Deadline: 5/8/2023**

**Staff Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.