



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 7/20/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:00 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-35616**

**Childcare Network #232**

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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.
07/20/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/09/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/24/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play
Main	B-2L	One Year Olds	2	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	C-3L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	D-2R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	30	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	E-1R	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Second Level	F-Pre-K A		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Second Level	H-Pre-K B		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Second Level	I-Afterschool	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Second Level	J-Middle Right	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Second Level	K-Pre-K C		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 58			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


<b>Building</b>	<b>Playground</b>	<b>Playground Occupancy</b>	<b>Playground Compliance</b>
Main	Back Playground	98	C
Main	Left Playground	28	C
Main	Right Playground	56	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study/ Complaint Investigation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/20/2023

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 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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Brittney Parmley, Program Official

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.03(2) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that lesson plans are updated throughout the building.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**

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

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(1) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that staff replace batteries in toys as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based upon observation that four tables in Classroom I-Afterschool had peeling contact paper causing them to no longer be able to be kept clean.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

**Correction Deadline: 7/27/2023**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**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 upon observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

**B-2L:**

- A toilet brush and packet of Spic and Span was in the bathroom.

**C-3L:**

- A box of Valu Guards Vinyl gloves was on the sink in the bathroom.

**D-2R:**

- A plastic grocery bag was in a child's cubby.
- A tube of Walgreens 50 Baby Mineral Sunscreen was in a child's book bag.
- A broom and dust pan were leaning against the wall by the sink used for handwashing.

**E-1R:**

- A mop was in the bathroom.
- A bottle with an unknown substance was on the sink in the bathroom.

**I-Afterschool:**

- A wax paper box with sharp edges was in a cubby.

**J-Middle Right:**

- Four plastic grocery bags were in a cubby.

**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: 7/20/2023****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to 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. It was determined based upon observation that the sink used for hand washing at the changing table in Classroom E-1R was clogged on this date. It was further determined that the sink used for hand washing in the back left of Classroom E-1R was deteriorating at the bottom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022****Corrected on 7/20/2023**

**.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the fencing to be in good repair on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon observation that the coating at the top step and the entrance steps was peeling on the red slide play equipment. It was further determined that the coating at the steps leading to tic tac toe on the green slide play equipment was peeling with exposed rust on this date. It was also determined that the blue slide on the Right Playground was warped causing the slide to be raised at the end of the slide.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to 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. It was determined based upon observation that two water hoses, a tarp, a bottle of lighter fluid, a broom, and three mop handles were observed accessible to children on the Right Playground on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023**

**Food Service**

**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.15(2) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that infant feeding plans are updated every three months.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**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.

**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.21(3) - The Consultant and Director discussed documentation of emergency drills.

**Correction Deadline: 7/25/2023****Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Staff Records**

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**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**

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**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.