



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

**Date:** 10/11/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 1:55 PM

**Departure:** 3:30 PM

**CCLC-3329**

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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.
10/11/2022	POI Follow Up	Support	
09/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/06/2022	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	1R	Infants	1	5	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap, Free Play, Feeding
Main	2R	One Year Olds	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R Back	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R front		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	
Main	4R Back		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	4R Front	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	23	C	35	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5R left side	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5R right side		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 63			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

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

**Comments**

This is a plan of improvement and follow up visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/01/0001

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) 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)

Catherine Corey, Program Official

Date

Dianne Clarke, Consultant

Date



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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

	<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022**

**Corrected on 10/11/2022**

**.06(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the repair was in progress during the visit to repair the fan. Please ensure that the fans in the bathrooms are working at all times and repairs are made as soon as possible.**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/26/2022**

**Corrected on 10/11/2022**

**.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that there were no hazardous items in the children's bags. Please ensure that children's bags are regularly checked for hazardous items.**

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022**

**Corrected on 10/11/2022**

**.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the wall was observed to be painted and the ceiling tiles were in the process of being replaced. Please ensure to clean the shelf in the 5R right side classroom currently not in use and ensure that ceiling tiles are replaced regularly when there are water stains.**

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

**Not Met**

**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 on observation that the following hazards were observed on the playground:

- Playground A: Fallen branches were observed to the right and far left, from the entrance, near the wire fence.
- Playground B: Pinecones were observed throughout the playground. Also, fallen branches and leaves were observed to the left of the entrance from the classroom.

**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. The peeling walls, S hooks, and borders are to be replaced/repared by October 15, 2022. Discussed regarding spraying roots regularly until they can be removed for those that can be.

**Correction Deadline: 10/11/2022**

**Recited on 10/11/2022**

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that there was a ratio of 2:23 with six two-year-olds and 17 three-year-olds in the 4R Front classroom where a ratio of 3:23 was needed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

**Correction Deadline: 10/11/2022**