



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

**Date:** 12/10/2021 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM

**Departure:** 10:25 AM

**CCLC-1624**

**A Willow Path**

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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.
12/10/2021	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/17/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/13/2021	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	1st Back Right		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Front Right	Infants	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	1st Left Rear	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd Back Right	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	2nd Front Right	One Year Olds	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2nd Left Rear	GA PreK	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	3rd Left Rear		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	4th Left Rear	GA PreK	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	5th Rear		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left Front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	33	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 187

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 64

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 187

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left Side	71	C
Main	PG-Center Rear/Right Area	100	C
Main	PG-Right Side	25	C

### Comments

A virtual follow up inspection was conducted on December 10, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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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Tiffany Futo, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/24/2021**

**Corrected on 12/10/2021**

**.15(2)(a) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that staff were observed to hold and feed an infant during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff further stated that infants were held and fed unless they could sit in the high chair and hold their own bottles.**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 18**

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 01/11/1999

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

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Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/05/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 03/15/1993	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/18/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 07/23/2021	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 10/08/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 01/30/2019	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 11/04/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 11/29/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 11/27/2017	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 07/13/2021	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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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.