



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/9/2023    **VisitType:** POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 10:20 AM    **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-30916**

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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.
03/09/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/07/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	
02/07/2023	Complaint Closure	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	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Out side
Main	2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Out side
Main	3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	4R	GA PreK	2	20	C	19	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D 1L	GA PreK	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E 2L	GA PreK	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 85			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Back	20	C
Main	PG Front	34	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a follow up from the previous visit conducted on February 7, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/09/2023

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

Brittany Seabolt, Program Official

Date

Lynn Schnitzer, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023

Corrected on 3/9/2023

.12(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed that all equipment and furniture to be clean and free from hazardous conditions.

Facility

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Defer

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591-1-1-.25(3)-The previous citation was deferred due to the center contacting Dalton Carpet to complete the required repairs. A center has an appointment with a company representative on Monday, March 13, 2023, for an estimate.

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: 2/7/2023

Safety

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have an emergency medical information record for one of twenty-one children receiving receiving school transportation services.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 3/9/2023**

**Recited on 3/9/2023**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Comment**

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit February 7, 2023.

**Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023**

**Corrected on 3/9/2023**

**.33(3) - This Citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed all staff hired more than 90 days to have documentation of completing health and safety orientation training.**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)-The previous citation was deferred due to the center having a deadline of December 31, 2023, to complete annual training for 2023.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 2/9/2023**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023**

**Corrected on 3/9/2023**

**.32(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed appropriate staff:child ratios throughout the center.**