



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/13/2023    **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:25 AM    **Departure:** 5:10 PM

**CCLC-72**

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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.
02/13/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
02/13/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/15/2022	Incident 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
Bldg 1	1 RT	Two Year Olds	2	2	C	26	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Art, Centers
Bldg 1	1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Bldg 1	2 LF	Infants	2	3	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Bldg 1	2 RT	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story
Bldg 1	BK End	One Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	FAR BK RT	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg 2	1LF	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	36	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 2	LB	GA PreK	2	18	C	30	C	NA	NA	Outside, Snack, Transitioning
Bldg 2	RB	GA PreK	2	20	C	19	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Bldg 2	RF	GA PreK	2	21	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on July15, 2022.

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.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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Joann Kohn, Program Official

Date

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**(Findings Report)**

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**The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:**

	<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Not Met**

**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 on observation that there was a broken window near where the cots were stored in classroom 1 LF, Building 2.

**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: 2/13/2023**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing pads were not smooth in classrooms 1L, 2LF, 2RT, and BK End in building 1. It was further determined that the changing pad had a tear in classroom 1L.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

**Correction Deadline: 2/13/2023**

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30 - Consultant discussed with director that infants should be used for sleep only.

## Staff Records

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

Met

### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

### Comment

Director provided twelve files for employees hired since last visit July 15, 2022.