



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Date:** 11/28/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

**CCLC-17109**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
11/28/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
11/28/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support
08/30/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing

**Compliance Zone Designation** - 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.

**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Support** - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**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	C- infants	Infants	1	7	NC	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- Back left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Pre K	GA PreK	1	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room A - FL	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 29

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front L	21	C
Main	Front R	97	C
Main	Rear - infants	7	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow-up to previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/12/2022

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.decal.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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Calista Kelly, Program Official

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Date

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Princess Walton, Consultant

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on consultant's observation that classrooms C and D did not have lesson plans as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 12/1/2022**

**Recited on 11/28/2022**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that a rocking bouncy with a child laying in it was placed on top of the table.

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**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 consultant's observation that there were 10 wooden board pieces with nails, a blue plastic tarp, broom, wooden board and two metal poles that were accessible to children on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Recited on 11/28/2022

**Policies and Procedures**

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

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022

Corrected on 11/28/2022

.21(3) - Previous citation was corrected.

**Safety**

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

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022

Corrected on 11/28/2022

.36(3)(a-b) - Previous citation was corrected.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Corrected on 11/28/2022

.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation was corrected.

**Staff Records**

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

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022

Corrected on 11/28/2022

Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed all staff present to have current criminal records check on file.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022

Corrected on 11/28/2022

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed all staff present to have current criminal records check on file.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

Corrected on 11/28/2022

.14(2) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed new staff hired after November and have 90 days to obtained first aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Corrected on 11/28/2022

.31(1)(b)2. - Previous citation was corrected.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(1) - Consultant discussed ratio with the director.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2022