



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 1/26/2018 **VisitType:** Technical Assistance **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-48752**

**Bree's Creative Learning Preschool, Childcare Center**

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**Comments**

The owner/director and Technical Assistant Consultant met on this date and completed the Change of Ownership TA Checklist. No children were present. Each room was monitored and observations were discussed. The center has a total of 4 toilets and 4 sinks in the building. The owner/director stated that the center is an extension of her existing center in that she hopes to have Georgia PreK at this location.

The playground was monitored. Observations were discussed. The owner/director knows that tree roots must be covered or shaved in order to prevent tripping hazards. Adequate resilient surface needs to be monitored beneath the metal slides and metal playground equipment must be monitored to ensure that chipping paint is sanded and painted.

The owner/director stated that transportation will be provided by existing center. The center will participate in field trip activities. Field trip documentation was discussed. The center stated that medication will not be dispensed. The owner/director was reminded to stock first aid kit and ensure that it is not accessible to children.

NO TA REPORT IS ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT. SEE CCS TA CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP CHECKLIST.

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov).

- 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.al.ga.gov/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.

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**Important New Deadlines:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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

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Bree Carter, Program Official

Date

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Linda A. Barge, Consultant

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