



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 4/18/2018    **VisitType:** Technical Assistance    **Arrival:** 10:20 AM    **Departure:** 11:50 AM

**CCLC-22146**

**Big Apple Learning Center #2**

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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.
04/04/2018	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/02/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/20/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A-Left		0	0		14	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-Center		0	0		19	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-Right		0	0		14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	105	C

**Comments**

The center was put into support status in error after the Monitoring Visit on March 2, 2018. The center had a Plan of Improvement visit on April 4, 2018 where they were in good standing. The center will discontinue technical assistance per director's request. Director will notify TA consultant if assistance is needed in the future. All action steps and goals are complete.

No new hires since the previous visit.

Center is currently participating in Quality Rated.

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.

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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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decals.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://decals.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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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 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.decals.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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decals.ga.gov)

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Cynthia Andrews, Program Official

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Mari M. Springs, Consultant

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**Facility**

**Rule:** 591-1-1-.26(8)Fall Zones and Surfacing

**Plan of Improvement:** To maintain appropriate resilient surfacing under the swing and climbing equipment for a safe play environment for all children on a daily basis.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	The director and owner have hired a worker to remove all swings, climbing equipment and monkey bars from the outside play area.	Director and owner	03/23/2018	Developed			

**Staff Records**

**Rule:** 591-1-1-.33(3)Staff Training-Health and Safety Orientation

**Plan of Improvement:** To maintain all staff employed with approved Health and Safety Orientation Training to provide a safe environment for children in care on a daily basis.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	The director will require all staff to participate in an approved Health and Safety Orientation training including staff hired prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days for staff hired after this date.	Director	03/23/2018	Developed			