



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/26/2018 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:20 PM

CCLC-36803

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
04/26/2018	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
03/01/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/19/2017	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	A/1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B/2R		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	C/2L		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	D/Middle		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	PreK	PreK	1	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A/Back	31	C
Main	PG B/Front	92	C

Comments

04/26/2018: Incident investigation and follow up visit was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/04/2018

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. 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.

- 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.

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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

Sylvia Walker, Program Official

Date

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Summary Report

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

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2018

Corrected on 4/26/2018

Based on an observation, it was determined that the center was free of visible hazards on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the following equipment hazards existed:

Playground A/ Back Playground:

- Two red infant swings had rusted S hooks.
- Chipped paint was observed on the yellow, red, and blue play structure.
- Several black tiles below the yellow, red, and blue play structure were loose.

Playground B/ Front Playground:

- Ten S hooks and chains, on the red roped climber, were rusted.
- Chipping paint was observed on the blue merry-go-round, the yellow wagon, and the yellow and blue play structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2018

Recited on 4/26/2018

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/1/2018****Corrected on 4/26/2018**

Consultant did not observe any hazards accessible to the children on this date. the preivous citation has been corrected.

Safety

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of records that the director's transportation training expired on October 8, 2009. The director has not renewed the annual training requirements for transportation as of this date. The director stated she has registered for the training but failed to provided written proof of registration.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training, biennially.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2018**Recited on 4/26/2018****Correction Deadline: 3/1/2018****Corrected on 4/26/2018**

Transportation records were observed to be completed correctly on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/1/2018****Corrected on 4/26/2018**

It was determined based on an interview with the center director, that the staff member, Earnestine Johnson, is no longer employed at the center.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/31/2018****Corrected on 4/26/2018**

Center director was able to provide evidence of current CPR certification for 50% of center staff.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that five staff members did not have evidence of completing health and safety orientation training within 90 days of their hire date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates. The center director stated that all employees have been registered for the training, but was unable to provide evidence of the registration.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2018

Recited on 4/26/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5) requires the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation to have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that the cook did not have documentation of food preparation training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2018

Recited on 4/26/2018

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018

Corrected on 4/26/2018

Training for 2017 cannot be corrected. Center staff has begun annual training for 2018.