



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**CCLC-36655**

**Rising S.T.A.R.S. Learning Center**

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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.
07/23/2018	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/25/2018	POI Follow Up	Deficient	
06/04/2018	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	Middle		0	0		12	C	NA	NA	
Main	One Left		0	0		7	C	NA	NA	
Main	One Right		0	0		9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Two Left		0	0		6	C	NA	NA	
Main	Two Right		0	0		0	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			39			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		Building capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations
Total # Children this Date:			0			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only one	24	C

**Comments**

Center is currently in good standing following one regulatory visit.

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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Alicia Waltower, Program Official

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**Activities and Equipment**

**Rule:** 591-1-1-.03(6)Confining Equipment/Floor play

**Plan of Improvement:** The center will provide a variety of developmentally appropriate activities for all age group to maintain an appropriate learning environment for children on a daily basis.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	Teachers in Room will provide a variety of developmentally appropriate activities for infants and one year olds to ensure they are not confined in high chairs, swings, and other confining equipment for more than 30 minutes.	Teachers	08/14/2018	Developed			

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Rule:** 591-1-1-.30(1)(a)Cribs

**Plan of Improvement:** The center will ensure that each infant enrolled has an approved crib available for use to maintain a safe sleeping environment for all infants in care on a daily basis.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken	Action Date
1	Director will supply the infant room with an adequate number of approved cribs for the total number of infants in care (children under 12 months of age) (7/17/18).  **Currently, the center has five infants enrolled and four approved cribs available for use.	Director	08/14/2018	In-Progress			
2	Director will require all staff to participate in a Core Rules Overview Training.	Director	07/17/2018	Completed		All staff participated in a Core Rules Overview Training presented by the TA Consultant.	07/09/2018