



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/20/2017 **VisitType:** Complaint Closure from visit on 10/17/2017 **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

**CCLC-3627**

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<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
10/20/2017	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
10/17/2017	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/23/2017	Complaint Closure	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.

**Comments**

**Advisement of Potential for Repeated Rule Violations during Pending Investigations**

This report shall serve as official notice of potential rule violations. These potential rule violations have been detailed in this report and discussed with you by the consultant. The department shall conduct a thorough investigation to determine if in fact the alleged rule violation(s) should or should not be substantiated. Please be aware that the investigation may take some time to be finalized to ensure fairness and accuracy. During this investigation period, any violations of an identical rule or rules will require the department to treat any and all substantiated rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violation(s).

Further, from time to time the department discovers additional rule violations during the course of an investigation. If there are new rule violation(s), your consultant shall inform you of the violation(s) as soon as possible. However, as stated above, any violations of identical rule(s) will require the department to treat any and all additional rule violations identified in the investigation as repeated rule violations.

All rule violations found in relation to a complaint or incident investigation will be associated with the date the investigation was closed.



**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)

I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Group Day Care Homes, 290-1-1. I acknowledge that the items noted in this report have been discussed with me and I have agreed to a Plan of Improvement (POI) as indicated in this report. I understand that correction of these deficiencies, while required, will not necessarily prevent DECAL from taking adverse action against this facility. I understand that if I disagree with any of the deficiencies cited, I have the right to refute them on this report or any other form that I choose to send to Child Care Services.

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Connie Holloway, Program Official

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Date

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Laura Swann , Consultant

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### Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

Facility
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#### 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Not Met

#### Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.25(5) requires approval from the Department, local zoning authorities, fire safety agencies and local building authorities for any structural changes to an existing Center or for construction of a new Center. Construction and maintenance work shall take place only in areas that are not accessible to the children. It was determined based on an investigation that on October 6, 2017, an inspection was completed by the Georgia State Fire Marshal. The child care center was not in compliance with the following Fire Marshal building regulations listed:

Siding and insulation missing from Building 2 exposing plumbing

- Building 1 does not have an approved fire alarm system
- Building 1 does not have code compliant exit signs
- A restroom in building 2 that appears to be not working
- Building 2 is not handicap accessible
- The mechanical room in building 2 has ceiling missing exposing the attic and wall board and insulation missing
- Exposed electrical wires at the front main entrance of building 1 where a light fixture is missing
- Exposed electrical wires in the mechanical room of building 1 at a junction box
- There is an exhaust fan in the restroom in the corridor of building 1 that is laying on a shelf and has exposed electrical cable coming through the ceiling supplying power to it
- The storage room in building 1 does not have a ceiling exposing the attic and has no wall covering to create a fire barrier
- There is a wood ramp on the rear exterior of building 1 that exceeds 10 inches fall in less than 4 feet
- Building 1 does not have an approved fire alarm system
- The stove in building 1 is a commercial stove without a commercial; hood and extinguishing system
- The gas line for the stove in building 1 is exposed to the cooking burners
- Building 1 does not have code compliant exit signs

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will secure the required approvals and plan all construction and maintenance work so it is inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 11/9/2017**