



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/8/2018 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:50 PM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-31001

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/08/2018	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
05/08/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
01/30/2018	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	Room A	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play					
Main	Room B	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning					
Main	Room C		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA						
Main	Room D		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA						
Main	Room E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside					
Main	Room F	PreK	1	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0				
Total # Children this Date:			42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Infant - 2 yrs)	12	C
Main	Playground B (3 - 13 yrs)	85	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and follow up 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. 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@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.

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

Ilysha Stringer, Program Official

Date

LaQuita Clark, Consultant

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Findings Report

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

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

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2018

Corrected on 5/8/2018

.25(13) - Previous citation has been corrected in that hazards were observed to be inaccessible to children in care on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined, based on observation, that outdoor hazards were present on the playground as follows:

- Roots were exposed on the infant/toddler playground and the playground for older children and presented a tripping hazard for children in care
- The concrete path leading to the infant/toddler playground was not flushed with the ground and presented a tripping hazard for children in care

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will respray roots throughout the outdoor play areas. The center will add mulch or other surfacing at the end of the concrete path leading to the infant/toddler playground.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2018

Recited on 5/8/2018

	Staff Records
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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

The director stated there have been no new hires since the previous visit. The consultant discussed with the director to ensure that all staff obtain a comprehensive background check by October 1, 2018.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.14(1)-The director presented documentation that staff have been registered to complete a training on CPR/first aid on May 19, 2018. The consultant will check for completed certifications during the next visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2018

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.33(3)-The director presented documentation that staff have been registered to complete the health and safety orientation training on May 19, 2018. The consultant will check for certificates of completion during the next visit.

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.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2018**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(6)-The director presented documentation that staff have been registered to complete training for annual year 2018 by June 18, 2018. The consultant will check for certificates of completion during the next visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018