



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/9/2019

**VisitType:** Complaint Closure from  
visit on 04/26/2019

**Arrival:** 10:30 AM

**Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-3212**

**Saint Luke Early Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			<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.
05/09/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/26/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**Comments**

April 26, 2019--The complaint was not closed out on this date.

**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.



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

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@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.

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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 Child Care Learning Centers, 591-1-1. 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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Sherry Carr, Program Official

Date

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Penny Svenson , Consultant

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### Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Closure:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.03 Activities****Not Met****Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.03(7)(a) requires a center that operates five hours or more per day to provide at least one and one-half hours of outdoor activity per day, weather permitting, for each child who is not an infant and at least one hour daily for infants. It was determined based on investigative findings that infants were not provided at least one hour of outside time daily as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will develop and follow a schedule that provides the required amount of outdoor activity for all children, including infants.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019**

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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Not Met****Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on investigative findings that there was a broken stool present in the infant room which was removed on April 22, 2019.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. The stool was removed from the classroom on the morning of April 22, 2019.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019**

<b>Facility</b>
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**Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on investigative findings that on April 22, 2019, an infant had access to a small magnet that had fallen off of the classroom bulletin board and was playing with it.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. The director stated the smaller magnets were removed from the classroom and a choke tube was used to ensure the magnets that replaced the smaller ones did not pose a further choking hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**Finding Associated with Complaint**

591-1-1-.17(2) requires that Personnel, to the extent possible, keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based on investigative findings that the center did not ensure that an infant was kept clean, dry, and comfortable when she was found to have a heavily soiled diaper on April 22, 2019. The center's policy stated that diapers are checked every hour and changed every two hours, however, the staff member did not check nor change the infant's diaper between 12:45pm and 1:51pm. and before placing the infant down for a nap.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train staff, review regularly, and monitor.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019**