



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 4/13/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:20 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

**CCLC-35001**

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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.
04/13/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/14/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/04/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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 1st Left		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	B 1st Right	One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	C 2nd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Nap
Main	D 2nd Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E 3rd Left	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F 3rd Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	G 4th Left		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	H 5th Left		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	I 4th Right	GA PreK	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 32					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Preschool	24	C
Main	PG School Age	125	C
Main	PG Toddler	18	C

**Comments**

An electronic copy of the Complaint Investigation follow up report was emailed to the provider. An exit conference was conducted virtually.

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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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



### Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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)

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Cynthia Wright, Program Official

Date

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Kaycee Purvis, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.25(19) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that children are not permitted to stay in unlicensed areas.

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2022**

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.05(2) requires Center Staff to confine animals in pens or covered areas except during specific teacher-directed learning experiences and to keep animal pens and confinement areas clean. It was determined based upon observation and staff statements that the center's bird is allowed to fly throughout the building during the day.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain and keep animals in a suitable pen or covered area except when a teacher is using the animal in a specific learning experience. If needed, the pen or covered area will be cleaned and the Center will develop and follow a plan to keep the area clean.

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2022**

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022**

**Corrected on 4/15/2022**

.36(3)(a-b) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed documentation of transportation training on this date.