



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 1/16/2019    **VisitType:** Follow-Up    **Arrival:** 12:30 PM    **Departure:** 3:55 PM

**CCLC-3621**

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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.
01/16/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/07/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/03/2018	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	Room A - 1st Left		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B - Back Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room C - Back Right - 3 & Up		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D - Front Right	One Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room E-Right back/front section	Infants	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room F-Back Right/Back Section	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Open front area	31	C
Main	B-Toddler Playground	37	C
Main	C- School Age	39	C
Main	D- Preschool	37	C

**Comments**

The consultant monitored the classrooms and obtained written statements from the staff for the CI.

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

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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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.state.ga.us/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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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MONICA AUSTIN, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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

	<b>Safety</b>
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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2018

Corrected on 1/16/2019

.11(2) - It was determined based upon observations and discussions the staff in this classroom was observed to be redirecting children as needed. No staff was observed handling children roughly or speaking in a harsh tone to the children on this date. The assistant director stated that the staff who was in this classroom during the citation on November 7, 2018 had been terminated and staff all staff had received training during staff meeting on appropriate discipline.