



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/18/2018    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-36957**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<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.
05/18/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/18/2018	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
03/29/2018	Monitoring Visit	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/Front	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	B/Middle		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C/Back	One Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play, Feeding, Floor Play, Nap
Main	D/R		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	38	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on March 29, 2018.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/01/2018

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](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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto: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)



#### 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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Keisha Reaves, Program Official

Date

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Margarita Collier, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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

### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Not Met**

#### Finding

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 consultant's observation five blue table bucket seats were missing the white strap buckles located on the back left side of classroom C/Back.

**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2018**

**Recited on 5/18/2018**

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Met**

#### Technical Assistance

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on consultant's observation the restroom ventilation was inoperable in classroom D/R and the first right hallway restroom.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2018**

**Recited on 5/18/2018**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on consultant's observation the following areas need repairing:

- Chipped paint was observed on the red wall exposing the metal on the wall located next to the children's cubbies on the middle right side of classroom D/R.
  - Chipped paint was observed above the first right toilet, second right toilet and the hand washing sink located in the first right hallway restroom.
  - The third left toilet was inoperable in the first right restroom located in classroom B/Middle.
  - Dust was observed on the air vent located on the front left entrance of classroom B/Middle.
  - Dust was observed on the air vent located on the back right side of classroom A/Front.
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**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2018**

**Recited on 5/18/2018**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed trimming back the tree limbs on the playground with the director on this date.

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**Technical Assistance**

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

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**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 consultant's observation of the center's playground area the following hazards were observed:

- Exposed tree roots were observed at the front right entrance and middle side of the playground area next to the red jungle gym creating a potential tripping hazard.
- Two bolts connecting the black PVC piping surrounding the red jungle gym were protruding creating a potential tripping hazard located at the front right entrance of the playground.
- Four bolts connecting the black PVC piping surrounding the wooden play house were protruding creating a potential tripping hazard.
- Exposed black and white ground pipes were observed on the front left side of the playground creating a potential tripping hazard.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2018**

**Recited on 5/18/2018**

	<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on consultant's observation of van tag number PCT 5935 the first and second row seats were torn with exposed foam.

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

**Not Met**

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**Correction Deadline: 3/29/2018**

**Corrected on 5/18/2018**

**The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the crib mattresses to be clean and in good repair on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on consultant's observation that five mats torn with exposed foam were located in classroom A/Front and five mats torn with exposed foam were located in classroom B/Middle.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2018**

**Recited on 5/18/2018**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on consultant's review of the staff files one of five staff members did not have evidence of a current first aid and CPR training card on file on this date.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/1/2018**

**Recited on 5/18/2018**

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2018**

**Corrected on 5/18/2018**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the two previously cited staff members to have documentation of orientation on file on this date.