



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/27/2020    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-39036**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/27/2020	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
01/09/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/24/2019	Monitoring Visit	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	A	Infants	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap	
Main	B	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap, Centers	
Main	C	One Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering	
Main	D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers, Nap	
Main	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap, Centers	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 93						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 46						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 93					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infant/Toddler	29	C
Main	B-Back	46	C

**Comments**

5/27/2020: The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow-up on previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/27/2020

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/Regulations.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.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.

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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).

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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### Findings Report

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

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Defer**

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591-1-1-.08(1)-This non-core rule was not evaluated due to Covid-19.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

**Correction Deadline: 1/20/2020**

**Facility**

**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 observation that two air vents located in the floor of the infant classroom was rusting. Additionally, three air vents located in the floor of the infant classroom was rusting.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center director will ensure the above listed hazards are repaired or replaced.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2020**

**Recited on 5/27/2020**

**Correction Deadline: 1/20/2020**

Corrected on 5/27/2020  
.25(8) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the front right, back left and back right single gates on the playground was rusting. Additionally, several areas throughout the fence are rusting.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2020**

**Recited on 5/27/2020**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the following hazards exist on the playground.

One and two-year-old playground:

---Ten of twelve swing chains are rusting.

---Ten of twelve S hooks are rusting.

---A green, beige, red and purple little tikes playhouse is missing the front door leaving two holes the size of a nickle causing a potential entrapment or pinching hazards.

Three and four-year-old playground:

---Four of four handlebars on the four seat springy see saw was chipping paint.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2020**

**Recited on 5/27/2020**

**Health and Hygiene**

**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation, that a four-month-old infant was in the crib with a bib around the infant's neck.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2020**

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(11) requires that containers used for the storage of disposable and non-disposable items such as diapers, washcloths and bed linens be: leak proof or have a leak proof disposable liner, covered, easily cleaned and maintained so contents are not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that a trash can was located in the bathroom of the two-year-old room with wet dirty wash clothes and accessible to the children with no trash can lid as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide the required number and type of containers and will provide instruction regarding the use, cleaning and storage of the containers.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2020****Recited on 5/27/2020**

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/20/2020****Corrected on 5/27/2020****.30(1)(b)1 - Previous citation was corrected on this date.**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(13) - Consultant discussed with director that classrooms B and C were not operating according to Governor's executive orders. Neither classrooms were enclosed or excluded.

**Correction Deadline: 5/27/2020**