



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/19/2019    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 1:10 PM    **Departure:** 4:55 PM

**CCLC-49136**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/19/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
03/29/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/14/2018	POI Follow Up	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/1L Infants	Infants	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Nap
Main	B/1R Front/Toddler	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C/1R Back/Toddler		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	D/1Mid/AS		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Main	E/2 Mid/Preschool	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F/Pre-K 1	PreK	1	14	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G/Pre-K 2	PreK	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H/Pre-K 3	PreK	1	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 68

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Pre-K	105	C
Main	School Age	80	C
Main	Toddler	24	C

**Comments**

08-19-2019: The purpose of the visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up on the previous visit.

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.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](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).

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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Tanneshia Grimes, 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>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/29/2019**

**Corrected on 8/19/2019**

.19(1) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to provide meet licensed capacity on this date.

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/29/2019**

**Corrected on 8/19/2019**

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to be free of hazardous on this date.

**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 observation that a large nail was protruding from a wooden top log on the top steps of the School-Age playground, causing a potential hazard on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 9/2/2019**

**Recited on 8/19/2019**

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/30/2019**

Corrected on 8/19/2019

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed provider to ensure that each vehicles were clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2019

Corrected on 8/19/2019

.36(4)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed provider to ensure that each vehicle had a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher was kept out of reach of children.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Not Met

### Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(b) requires that wedges, other infant positioning devices and monitors shall not be used unless the Parent provides a physician's written statement authorizing its use that includes how to use the device and a time frame for using the device is provided for that particular infant. It was determined based on consultant observation that a one-year-old child was observed to be sleeping on a blanket while located in a crib.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will not use such devices without a doctor's statement that includes the required information.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2019

## Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018

Corrected on 8/19/2019

.33(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have documentation of completing 10 hour training on file on this date.

### Finding

591-1-1-.33(7) requires that evidence of orientation and training be documented in the Personnel file of each Staff member and be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of records that the center had three staff members without documentation of an Orientation on file

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement procedures to review staff records for documentation of training and orientation, to obtain and place missing documentation in staff records, and to file such documents in staff records on an ongoing basis.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019