



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 9/24/2019    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 1:10 PM    **Departure:** 5:35 PM

**CCLC-50243**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
09/24/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support
08/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/25/2019	Complaint Closure	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-1st right side		0	0	C	46	C	NA	NA	
Main	B- 2nd left Preschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	27	C	56	C	NA	NA	Nap, Homework, Story
Main	C-Left side infants	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	23	C	41	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks		
Total # Children this Date: 50			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Preschool and School-age	31	C
Main	B-Infant and Toddler	17	C

**Comments**

A one-day letter was left.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/08/2019

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/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.

**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)

Michelle Wells, Program Official

Date

Laurel Benta, Consultant

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-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**

**Not Met**

**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 observation that the black seat was cracked with jagged edges on the green seesaw on the playground.

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**Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019**

**Recited on 9/24/2019**

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Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed weeds to be cut on this date.

**Safety**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2019

Corrected on 9/24/2019

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed tape to be covering the tears and exposed foam.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined that two out of five cribs had loose fitting sheets.

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Correction Deadline: 9/24/2019

Recited on 9/24/2019

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 4**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2019

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 05/02/2019

Staff # 4 Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that staff 6, hired on September 20, 2019, did have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center.

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