

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 9/9/2021 VisitType: Complaint Investigation by Arrival: 4:00 PM Departure: 5:00 PM Phone

## **CCLC-741**

### **Discovery Point #12**

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## **Regional Consultant**

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Same

### Quality Rated: No

	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	
09/09/2021 Complaint Good Standing standing, support		
08/31/2021 Monitoring Visit Good Standing Support	the rules Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting	
05/25/2021 Licensing Study Good Standing Deficient	rules. <ul> <li>Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> </ul>	

### Ratios/License Capacity

### **Comments**

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

Investigative findings were concluded on December 22, 2021. The file will be sent to the state office for filing.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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).

	<ul> <li>Please refer to the website, <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</u>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,</li> <li>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</li> <li>New clearance is required at least once every five years</li> <li>Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance</li> <li>All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check</li> <li>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</li> <li>Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee</li> </ul>
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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@decal.ga.gov.

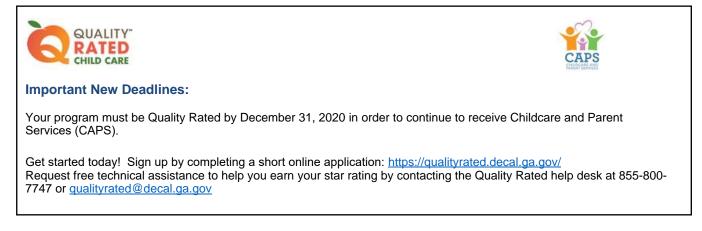
- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

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://decal.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.

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)



Christi Martin, Program Official

Date

Alison Benson, Consultant

Date

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Facility

Not Met

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation by Phone:

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

# Finding

Geo

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 staff statements that all hazardous areas on the playground are marked with orange tape. Further, it was stated that due to weather conditions, the mulch delivery was pushed back and would be delivered September 27, 2021.

# 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: 9/23/2021