



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/23/2023 **VisitType:** TA Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-51437

**Technical Assistance Unit
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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
05/23/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/24/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/16/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group		Max 35 SF.	Max 25 SF.
Bldg 1	A-1L			12	NA
Bldg 1	B-2L			16	NA
Bldg 1	C-3 Far Left			28	NA
Bldg 1	D-3L			27	NA
Bldg 1	E-3R			10	NA
Bldg 1	F-2R			20	NA
Bldg 1	G-1R			16	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request	
Bldg 2	A-1st Left			29	NA
Bldg 2	B-Far Back Right			15	NA
Bldg 2	C-1st Right			13	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 57			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Bldg 1	A-1st Left Side	55
Bldg 1	B-Far Right side	19
Bldg 2	Main Playground	60

Comments

This visit was to conduct a TA Follow-Up visit.. Director was on maternity leave so TA Consultant met with Ms. Sylvia. TA Consultant conducted a walk through of the facility and playgrounds. TA Consultant created goals and action steps based on the issues observed. TA Consultant will schedule the next TA Visit with the director via email.

Strength Based TA

Facility clean and well organized.

Plan of Improvement:

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.decga.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.

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Ivory Schofield, Program Official

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						Facility
Rule: 591-1-1-.25(3) - (3) Cleanliness. The Center and surrounding premises shall 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.						
S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure the center and surrounding premises are kept clean,, free of debris and in good repair.						
Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will have holes at, corner of building inside the back playground area, repaired.	Director	05/29/2023	Developed		
Materials Needed:						
Resources Provided:						

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(4) - Fence or Approved Barriers. Playgrounds shall be protected from traffic or other hazards by a four (4) foot or higher secure 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.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure playground fencing is not hazardous.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will have the bottom support bars on the fencing leading into the parking lot on the left side of the back playground secured to the ground where they have pulled loose and have created gaps underneath.	Director	05/29/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(6) - (6) Equipment. Playground equipment shall 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.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure that playground equipment is free of sharp corners, regularly maintained to be free of rust and splinters.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will have broken pieces of brown lattice on the large playscape on the back playground replaced.	Director	05/29/2023	Developed		
2	Director will have areas of splintering on the wooden part of the large playscape on the back playground repaired.	Director	05/29/2023	Developed		
3	Director will have chain and "S" hooks on the bridge on the large playscape on the back playground painted to eliminate the rusting.	Director	05/29/2023	Developed		
3	Director will have peeling paint on the metal areas of the large playscape painted to eliminate the peeling.	Director	05/29/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Facility						
Rule: 591-1-1-.26(9) - (9) Safety and Upkeep of Playground. Playgrounds shall 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.						
S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure that the playground be kept clean, free from litter and free from hazards.						
Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will have vines growing through the fencing on the back playground cut back to eliminate the hazard they pose.	Director	05/29/2023	Developed		
2	Director will have the large rocks protruding from the bank on the back side of the large playscape on the back playground removed or covered to eliminate the hazard they pose.	Director	05/29/2023	Developed		
2	Director will have exposed tree roots on the back playground spray painted to make them visible and eliminate the tripping hazard they pose.	Director	05/29/2023	Developed		
Materials Needed:						
Resources Provided:						

Staffing and Supervision

Rule: 591-1-1-.32(1) - (1) A center must establish groupings of children for care and maintain staff:child ratios as follows:

Ages of Children	Staff:Child Ratio*	Maximum Group Size**
Infants less than one (1) year old or children under eighteen (18) months who are not walking	1:6	12
One (1) year olds who are walking	1:8	16
Two (2) year olds	1:10	20
Three (3) year olds	1:15	30
Four (4) year olds	1:18	36
Five (5) year olds	1:20	40
Six (6) years and older	1:25	50

* Staff, such as the director or service workers (food, maintenance and clerical staff, etc.), shall be counted in the staff:child ratio only during the time that they are giving full attention to the direct supervision of the children. Service staff routinely acting as child care workers shall meet the qualifications of the respective caregivers.

** Maximum group size does not apply to outdoor play on the playground routinely used by the center or for special activities in the center lasting no more than two (2) hours. However, required staff:child ratios must be maintained.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure center establishes groupings of children for care and maintains maximum Group Size**

Infants less than one (1) year old or children under eighteen (18) months who are not walking 1:6 with a maximum of 12

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will reduce the number in the group of infants to 2:12.	Director	05/24/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided: