



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/13/2023 **VisitType:** TA Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 10:50 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/13/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing
06/09/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
05/24/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support

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	Max 35 SF.	Max 25 SF.
Main	A 1R- 4's		14	NA
Main	B- 2R/Back 2's		20	NA
Main	C/1L/Pre-K 2		21	NA
Main	D/2L/Pre-K 1		21	NA
Main	E/Lower L (3's)		32	NA
Main	F-Lower Right 1's		9	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Main	C- 1's	14
Main	D- Left Toddler	9
Main	PG/A/Right 2's	120
Main	PG/B/Left 3-12yrs	41

Comments

This visit was to conduct a TA Follow-Up Visit. TA Consultant met with the new director, Ms. Sarah. TA Consultant conducted a walk through of the facility and playground. Many improvements have been made to the facility since the last TA Visit. Observed goals completed. TA Consultant and director discussed issues observed during today's walk through. Goals and action steps were created based on these issues. TA Consultant provided a list of the TA Trainings available to the director for her review. Scheduled next TA Visit for 7-18-23 at 9:30 am.

Strength Based TA

Facility clean and well organized.

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.

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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Ashley Sanon, Program Official

Date

Jana Albertson, Technical Assistance Unit Consultant

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Activities and Equipment

Rule: 591-1-1-.12(2) - (2) Equipment and Furniture. Equipment and furniture shall be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint and shall be kept clean.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure that equipment and furniture are free from hazardous conditions.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will remove the broken piece on the easel in the two-year-old classroom.	Director	06/16/2023	Developed		
2	Director will repair the leg on the science table in the first Pre-K Classroom due to it not being stable.	Director	06/16/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Activities and Equipment

Rule: 591-1-1-.12(6) - (6) Toys. A variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials shall be available. They shall be stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: Owners will ensure that a variety of age-appropriate toys and materials are available for use by children.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Owner and/or director will add additional toys and materials to classrooms in order to have a variety of age-appropriate toys and materials in each classroom.	Owner/Director	07/18/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Facility

Rule: 591-1-1-.25(13) - (13) Indoor Storage Areas. Potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies shall be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. Examples of items to be stored include non-food related products under pressure in aerosol dispensing cans, flammable and corrosive materials, cleaning supplies, poisons, insecticides, office supplies and industrial-sized or commercial buckets with a capacity of three gallons or more or any other similar device with rigid sides which would not tip over if a toddler fell into the container head first.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies are stored in a locked area inaccessible to children.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will have a lock/latch added to the tall white storage cabinet in the two-year-old classroom to ensure hazardous items stored inside are inaccessible to the children.	Director	06/16/2023	Developed		
2	Staff in the Pre-K Classroom (first room on left) will move the adult scissors and stapler from the teacher's desk and store them where they are inaccessible to the children.	Staff	06/14/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

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: Owner and/or Director will ensure the center and surrounding premises are kept clean, free from debris and in good repair.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Owner will replace the broken floor tile, near the toilet in the boy's bathroom between the two Pre-K Classrooms.	Owner	07/18/2023	Developed		
2	Owner will paint the stained ceiling in the back Pre-K Classroom.	Owner	07/18/2023	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 playground equipment is free from hazards.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will remove the small grey picnic table from the back right playground due to the leg being detached from the frame.	Director	06/16/2023	Developed		
2	Director will spray paint the areas of rusting on the small metal cars on the toddler playgrounds.	Director	06/16/2023	Developed		
2	Director will have swing chains spray painted to eliminate the rusting that is present.	Director	06/16/2023	Developed		
3	Director will have swings that have been wrapped around the top pole of the swing set unwrapped in order for them to be used in the appropriate way.	Director	06/16/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Health and Hygiene

Rule: 591-1-1-.10(4) - (4) If diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure that the diaper changing surface is smooth and nonporous.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will remove the changing pad on the changing table in the two-year-old classroom due to the plastic materials peeling and making pad nonporous.	Director	06/16/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Rule: 591-1-1-.17(6) - (6) Garbage. Garbage and organic waste shall be stored in containers that are lined with plastic liners and have tight-fitting covers. Trash and garbage shall be removed from the building daily or as often as necessary to maintain the premises in a clean condition.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: Director will ensure that garbage shall be stored in containers that have a tight-fitting lid.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	Director will acquire a trash can with a tight-fitting lid for the three-year-old classroom so garbage can be disposed of properly.	Director	06/16/2023	Developed		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided: