



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/22/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:15 AM **Departure:** 11:40 AM

CCLC-36438

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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.
08/22/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
07/19/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/19/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Bldg 2	F - bldg 2	GA PreK	1	7	C	36	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 36					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	A (infant)	Infants	1	2	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B (1 year olds)	One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
Main	C (2 year olds)	Two Year Olds	1	2	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D (3 yr olds)		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E (4/5 year olds)	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	25	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	F - upstairs		0	0	C	110	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 20			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 229			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Middle	21	C
Main	Playground 3- Far Right	65	C
Main	Playground I	25	C

Comments

Plan to be submitted by September 6, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 09/06/2023

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.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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Aljami Durham, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Corrected on 8/22/2023

.12(2) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed furniture in good repair.

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2023

Corrected on 8/22/2023

.25(11) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed tape on carpet tears.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(12) - Consultant discussed with the director that the department requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Corrected on 8/22/2023

.25(13) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed hazards out of reach on this date.

Food Service

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(6)(b) - Please ensure that food and beverages be served in individual plates or bowls and with individual glasses or cups.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Corrected on 8/22/2023

.30(1)(a)3 - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Staff stated that infant sheets are changed daily.

Staff Records

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(e) requires that no actual or potential Director, Employee or Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center with an unsatisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination or an unsatisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination may be present at a Center when any child is present for care or reside at a Center. It was determined based on observation that in Room E a staff member was supervising four three-year-old children with a unsatisfactory criminal records check.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2023

Corrected on 8/22/2023

.33(3) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. All applicable staff members have completed Health and Safety training.

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that two infants were briefly left unattended while the supervising staff member walked out of the classroom into the exterior hallway.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023