



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/18/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:45 AM

Departure: 11:45 AM

CCLC-36438

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/18/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
09/20/2022	Monitoring Visit	Support
07/12/2022	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 (infant)	Infants	2	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Floor Play, Nap
Main	B (1 year olds)	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C (2 year olds)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D (3 yr olds)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E (4/5 year olds)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
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: 33

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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

POI developed this date

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/18/2022

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

Aljami Durham, Program Official

Date

Nadia Bernard, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that Bldg 2, classroom F-bldg 2 had a floor air vent that was bent, exposing sharp edges. In addition, the doors to the basement and attic in Bldg 2 classroom F-bldg 2 were observed to be unlocked and contained cleaning products labeled keep out of reach of children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2022

Recited on 10/18/2022

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(19) prohibits the use of unapproved areas for children's activity. It was determined based on observation that two staff members and nineteen students occupied an unlicensed space in Building 2 room F.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will discontinue use of this area.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2022

Recited on 10/18/2022

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.26(8) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.17(8) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Staff stated proper handwashing procedures.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Please include address of destinations on transportation checklist.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.36(3)(a-b) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed documentation of transportation training for director and two additional staff members.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.36(7)(d)2. - Citation observed to be corrected on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.33(4) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage for the Director and staff.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-The center staff have until December 31, 2022 to complete ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2022

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.31(2)(c) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed lead teacher credentials.

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2022

Corrected on 10/18/2022

.32(1) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed appropriate ratios.