



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/28/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:05 PM **Departure:** 1:50 PM

CCLC-50384

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/28/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
04/24/2023	POI Follow Up	Support
03/10/2023	Licensing Study	Deficient

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-1L-Infants and 1's	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	B-2L-1's & 2's		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-2R-3's & 4's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-1R-2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 24			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	38	C

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.

A Complaint Investigation and Follow-Up visit was conducted on April 28, 2023.

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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Johnna Lindsey, Program Official

Date

Chasity Baugh, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Defer

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591-1-1-.15(7)-This citation will be observed at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor food served and accessible to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard. Center will discuss food requirements with parents as children bring their lunches from home.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.10(1)-This will be evaluated at the next visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.30(2)-This citation will be observed at the next visit as infants weren't napping at time of visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2023

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(3)-This will be evaluated at the next visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2023

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-This will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

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: 4/9/2023