

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 4/12/2023 VisitType: Incident Investigation by Phone

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Departure: 1:00 PM

# CCLC-17764

### **Gilmer County Head Start**

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Compliance Zone Designation			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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	
04/12/2023	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting	
08/25/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	Support -	the rules. Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting
04/20/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Deficient	rules Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting
				the rules.

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete an incident investigation by telephone and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on August 25, 2022.

April 12, 2023 - The investigation was not closed on this date. April 21, 2023 - The investigation was closed on this date.

### 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, <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</u> , for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,				
	<ul> <li>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</li> <li>New clearance is required at least once every five years</li> </ul>				
•	• New clearance is required at least once every live years				
	<ul> <li>Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee</li> </ul>				

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:

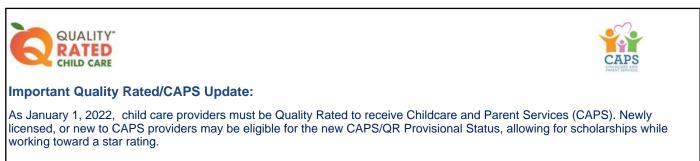
- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute

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)



Contact the Quality Rated help desk a1 855-800-7747 or <u>qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</u> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

Beth McArthur, Program Official

Date

Margarita Collier, Consultant

Date