



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 3/7/2022      **VisitType:** Follow-Up      **Arrival:** 9:55 AM      **Departure:** 12:20 PM

**CCLC-51404**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<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 standing, support, and deficient.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
03/07/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/24/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	A- 6wks- 6mths	One Year Olds	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B- 6mths-12mths	One Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C- 3-4 years	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside,Lunch,Tr ansitioning
Main	D- 18mths - 24 mths	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E- 12mths - 18mths	Infants	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Free Play,Floor Play
Main	F- 2 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lun ch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 52

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 3-4yrs	35	C
Main	Playground B - 6wks-2 yrs	15	C

**Comments**

March 7, 2022 - The investigation was not closed on this date.  
 March 16, 2022 - The investigation was closed on this date.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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



### 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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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](http://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)

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Chastity Stanton , Program Official

Date

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Margarita Collier, Consultant

Date



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**Findings Report**

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

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/24/2022**

**Corrected on 3/7/2022**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed five of five children's files to have documentation of the release to persons' address and the contact information for each child's primary care physician.

**Facility**

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

**Defer**

**Technical Assistance**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Defer**

The previous citation was deferred as classroom F's walls will be painted by March 12, 2022. Classroom A and classroom D's walls were repaired and painted as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 1/24/2022**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/3/2022**

**Corrected on 3/7/2022**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the fall zones surrounding the large green sliding structure to have an adequate amount of resilient surface. Please continue to monitor and rebluff resilient surface surrounding the fall zones of the large green sliding structure as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 1/24/2022**

**Corrected on 3/7/2022**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the playground area to be clean and free of potential hazards.

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**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/24/2022**

**Corrected on 3/7/2022**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed all infants under the age of one-year-old to have evidence of a current infant feeding plan on file.

**Correction Deadline: 1/24/2022**

**Corrected on 3/7/2022**

The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed all infant bottles to be labeled with the child's first and last name.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Defer**

**Defer**

The previous citation was deferred as the center has until June 2022 to complete a lockdown and tornado drill.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2022**

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 8**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/18/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 01/05/2021

**Records Reviewed: 8**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 3 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019

Staff # 4 Met  
Date of Hire: 11/22/2021

Staff # 5 Met  
Date of Hire: 03/01/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 6 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019

Staff # 7 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/06/2020

Staff # 8 Met  
Date of Hire: 02/08/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met**

**Comment**

The director provided three files for three staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on January 24, 2022. The consultant observed three of three newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

**Correction Deadline: 1/24/2022**

**Corrected on 3/7/2022**

**The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed that the center submitted a portability request for the previously cited staff member's satisfactory comprehensive determination letter via DECAL KOALA .**

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022**

**Corrected on 3/7/2022**

**The previous citation was corrected. Per the director, the previously cited staff member is no longer employed with the center.**