



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/11/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 1:35 PM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

**CCLC-905**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| 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 standing, support, and deficient.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 12/11/2024                  | POI Follow Up                     | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 07/19/2024                  | Complaint Closure                 | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/11/2024                  | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | 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                            | Front Right Middle             | GA PreK                            | 2     | 18       | C                             | 30         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning,Snack |
| Main                            | Room B - Back Left - GA Pre-K  | GA PreK                            | 2     | 20       | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning       |
| Main                            | Room C - Back Right - GA Pre-K | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 8        | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning       |
| Main                            | Room D - Left Middle           | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 1     | 8        | C                             | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                 |
| Main                            | Room E - Far Left Front        | Three Year Olds                    | 1     | 10       | C                             | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                 |
| Main                            | Room F - Front Middle Left     | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 13       | C                             | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                 |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110 |                                |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                     |
| Total # Children this Date: 77  |                                |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                     |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Front left | 29                   | C                     |
| Main     | Middle     | 83                   | C                     |
| Main     | Right      | 62                   | C                     |

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Plan of Improvement Follow-Up.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/11/2024

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.decal.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.

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#### 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.

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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 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

| Facility |  |
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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that on the Middle Playground the benches under the awning had missing caps. Bench 1 has 20 caps missing and Bench 2 had 16 caps missing.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. Please replace the benches or add the missing caps to maintain compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024**

**Recited on 12/11/2024**

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2024**

**Corrected on 12/11/2024**

.26(8) - The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed the playground to have six inches of resilient surface under the fall zones of the Double Yellow Slide and Spiral Slide.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2024**

**Corrected on 12/11/2024**

.26(9) - The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant did not observed any hazards on the playground.

| Organization |  |
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**591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2024**

Corrected on 12/11/2024

.37(d) - The citation was observed to be corrected. The staff stated that the corporate department was responsible for providing video footage when requested by the department.

**Safety**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2024

Corrected on 12/11/2024

.36(4)(b) - The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center stated that Vehicle RTX6986 was currently not in use.

**Staff Records**

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)- Center staff was within their deadline of December 31, 2024 to complete their annual training.

**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: 12/31/2024