



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/6/2023    **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:35 AM    **Departure:** 11:35 AM

**CCLC-32934**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                                    |               | <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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| 02/06/2023                         | Incident Investigation & Follow Up | Support       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/04/2023                         | Complaint Closure                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/01/2022                         | 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                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Building 1                      | B         | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and GA PreK                       | 1                               | 6        | C    | 14                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning         |
| Building 1                      | C         |                                                                   | 0                               | 0        | C    | 16                              | C            | NA         | NA           |                       |
| Building 1                      | D         | Two Year Olds and GA PreK                                         | 1                               | 10       | C    | 20                              | C            | 28         | C            | Outside               |
| Building 1                      | E         |                                                                   | 0                               | 0        | C    | 20                              | C            | NA         | NA           |                       |
| Building 1                      | F         | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and GA PreK | 2                               | 15       | C    | 25                              | C            | 35         | C            | Music                 |
| Building 1                      | Room A    | Infants and One Year Olds and GA PreK                             | 1                               | 6        | C    | 14                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play, Free Play |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109 |           |                                                                   | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137 |          |      |                                 |              |            |              |                       |
| Building 2/gym                  | back left |                                                                   | 0                               | 0        | C    | 7                               | C            | 10         | C            |                       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 7   |           |                                                                   | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137 |          |      |                                 |              |            |              |                       |
| Total # Children this Date: 37  |           |                                                                   | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137 |              |            |              |                       |

| Building   | Playground     | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Building 1 | Infant/Toddler | 54                   | C                     |

### Comments

An on-site incident investigation was conducted on February 6, 2023. Investigative findings were not concluded on February 6, 2023. Background checks were all reviewed on February 6, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 02/20/2023

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.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](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)



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

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Kymille Hill, Program Official

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Jessica Johnson, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/4/2023**

**Corrected on 2/6/2023**

**.03(9) - Citation corrected. Consultant did not observed any rough play.**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/1/2022**

**Corrected on 2/6/2023**

**.12(4) - Citation corrected television was not in classroom.**

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/4/2023**

**Corrected on 2/6/2023**

**.08(1)(d) - Citation corrected. Enrolled children were observed supervised.**

**Facility**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

- Damaged ceiling tiles observed in classroom B above the window.
- Damaged ceiling tiles observed in classroom C next to the white cabinets.
- Damaged ceiling tiles were observed in classroom F next to the white cabinets and above the right window.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2023

Recited on 2/6/2023

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(14) requires the Center to be lighted with a minimum of twenty-five foot candles of illumination except during rest periods. Areas used for napping shall be lit dimly. Not all rooms were appropriately illuminated when. It was determined based on observation that there were five lights not working in classroom F.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2023

Recited on 2/6/2023

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the gate was disconnected from the fencing and was not completely enclosed at the top and bottom of the gate, near Classroom D.

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Correction Deadline: 2/20/2023

Recited on 2/6/2023  
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Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023

.26(9) - Citation corrected. Litter removed from the school-age playground.

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| Health and Hygiene |
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591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2022

Corrected on 2/6/2023

.20(3) - Citation corrected. Center currently not dispensing medication.

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

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on observation that the right side view mirror glass was missing.  
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**Correction Deadline: 12/2/2022**

**Corrected on 2/6/2023**

**.36(4)(c) -Citation corrected. Fire extinguisher observed in the vehicle.**

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on review of records that staff # 6 did not have the most recently issued determination letter ported electronically to the center prior to being on site.

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**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023**