



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/4/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-53322

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
04/04/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/21/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/31/2023	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 : 1 R : Toddlers		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	B : 2/3 R: Infants & Toddlers	Infants	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	C: 4R: 2 year olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	D : 5R:	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E: 6R: Two year olds	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	F: Back: Afterschool	Six Year Olds and Over	2	17	C	59	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G: 5L: Three year olds		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	H : 4L: Three year olds	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	I: 3L : Four year olds	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	J : 2L : Four year olds		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	K: 1L : Pre-K		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 86			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Infants & toddlers	44	C
Main	B - Two years old	86	C
Main	C - Four - 12 years old	123	C
Main	D - Four - 12 years old	72	C
Main	E - Three years old	74	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a site visit regarding a Complaint Intake Report and follow up on any previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/04/2024

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Shelby Collins, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2022

Corrected on 4/4/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There were no accessible hazards observed in I: 3L Classroom.

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

Defer

591-1-1-.26(8)-The citation was deferred; the provider had documentation from the contractor that stated they will deliver the required mulch later this week. I advised the provider to ensure that the resilient surfacing is completed by April 12, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2024

Defer

591-1-1-.26(9)-The citation was deferred due to the allotted deadline of April 4, 2024; the center has to the end of the day to correct.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/21/2024****Corrected on 4/4/2024****.18(8) - The previous citation was corrected. The food items were observed to be labeled or in their original packaging on this date.**

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/21/2024****Corrected on 4/4/2024****.10(4) - The citation was observed to be corrected. The diapering surface was observed to be properly cleaned on this date.**

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/21/2024****Corrected on 4/4/2024****.17(7) - The citation was observed to be corrected. The proper hand washing was observed as required on this date.**

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/20/2024****Corrected on 4/4/2024****.33(5) - The center has put a Plan of Improvement in place for staff to complete one class per week; this will be verified by the director on a weekly basis to ensure that all staff requirements are met by December 31, 2024.**

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Defer****Defer****591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2.-The two staff members are in the process of completing the requirements.****POI (Plan of Improvement)****A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.****Correction Deadline: 11/1/2022**

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/21/2024****Corrected on 4/4/2024****.32(7) - The citation was observed to be corrected. The staff were observed to be within an arms length as required on this date.**