



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 6/18/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

**CCLC-46843**

**Footprints to Scholars Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <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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| 06/18/2024                         | Incident Investigation & Follow Up | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/25/2024                         | Licensing Study                    | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/17/2023                         | 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/1L           |                        | 0                               | 0        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | B/2L           |                        | 0                               | 0        | C    | 30         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | C - 2L - Right | Three Year Olds        | 2                               | 14       | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play |
| Main                            | C/L Mid        |                        | 0                               | 0        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Main                            | D/R Mid        | Two Year Olds          | 1                               | 3        | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play |
| Main                            | E/3R           | GA PreK                | 2                               | 9        | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Art       |
| Main                            | F/2R           | Six Year Olds and Over | 1                               | 10       | C    | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Homework  |
| Main                            | G/1R           |                        | 0                               | 0        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160 |                |                        | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |           |
| Total # Children this Date: 36  |                |                        | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160 |          |      |            |              |            |              |           |
|                                 |                |                        | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |           |

| Building | Playground  | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | PG A/Front  | 10                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG B/Middle | 22                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG C/Back   | 111                  | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct an investigative site visit and follow up on previous citations.

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.al.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 user id 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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.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 Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024**

**Corrected on 6/18/2024**

**.03(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed variety of activities throughout the center.**

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

**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 there were six ceiling lights that were not working in Room C.

**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: 6/28/2024**

**Recited on 6/18/2024**

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024**

**Corrected on 6/18/2024**

**.15(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the menu posted in the kitchen was up to date.**

**Safety**

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2024

.36(3)(a-b) - Then previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The designated employed completed the required two hours of transportation training that is accepted by the state.

### Sleeping & Resting Equipment

#### 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Not Met

##### Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that the bedding was stored touching other cots in the Three-year-old and PreK rooms.

##### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2024

Recited on 6/18/2024

### Staff Records

#### 591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Not Met

##### Finding

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #9 did not have evidence of current training in CPR and first aid.

##### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2024

Recited on 6/18/2024