



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

**Date:** 6/21/2022    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 1:55 PM    **Departure:** 4:40 PM

**CCLC-50380**

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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.<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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| 06/21/2022                         | Complaint Investigation Follow Up      | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/21/2022                         | Complaint Closure                      | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/02/2022                         | Incident Investigation/Licensing Study | 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-1st Right | Infants                           | 1                           | 4        | C                           | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding, Free Play       |
| Main                           | B-2nd Right | One Year Olds                     | 2                           | 7        | C                           | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Diapering, Transitioning |
| Main                           | C-Middle    |                                   | 0                           | 0        | C                           | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           |                          |
| Main                           | D-Back Left | Three Year Olds                   | 1                           | 10       | C                           | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                      |
| Main                           | E-1st Left  | One Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1                           | 8        | C                           | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                      |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:    |             |                                   | 72                          |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: |            | 0            |            |              |                          |
| Total # Children this Date: 29 |             |                                   | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: |            | 0            |            |              |                          |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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**Comments**

This is a complaint investigation follow up in-person visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/21/2022

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)

Vivian Rankins, Program Official

Date

Dianne Clarke, Consultant

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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: 5/2/2022**

**Corrected on 6/21/2022**

**.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the items were observed to be locked up or removed. Please ensure that staff are locking away any items that are hazardous at all times.**

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

**Not Met**

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was one and a half inches of mulch at the ladder on the yellow climbing structure and at the side of the slide where three inches were needed on the back playground.

#### **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: 7/5/2022**

**Recited on 6/21/2022**

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the playground:

-Back: Black tarp was observed to be exposed throughout the playground at the bottom and right of the climbing structure. Some weeds were also observed to the left and to the right of the fence.

**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: 6/22/2022**

**Recited on 6/21/2022**

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|  | <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/20/2022**

**Corrected on 6/21/2022**

**.21(3) - The previous citation has been corrected in that the drills have been completed. Please ensure that the review of emergency plans are completed by the end of June, 2022.**

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|  | <b>Safety</b> |
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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2022**

**Corrected on 6/21/2022**

**.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the training was completed on May 26, 2022. Please ensure that the transportation training is completed for all staff participating in transportation, to include the director, every two years.**

**Correction Deadline: 5/3/2022**

**Corrected on 6/21/2022**

**.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected for the week of May 16 and May 23, 2022. Please ensure that the driver completes the exit and entrance for each trip.**