



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/6/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:50 PM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-22068

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Childcare Network #160

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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.
11/06/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/21/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/04/2023	Complaint Closure	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	Fifth Left	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	26	C	37	C	Free Play, Transitioning
Main	First Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	First Right	Infants	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Floor Play
Main	Fourth Left	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	25	C	Centers
Main	Fourth Right	Three Year Olds	2	21	C	24	C	33	C	Circle Time
Main	Front Left (Pre-K)	GA PreK	1	12	C	24	C	34	C	Circle Time
Main	Front Right (Pre-K)		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	Not In Use
Main	Second Left	One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Centers
Main	Second Right	Two Year Olds	2	13	NC	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Third Left	Infants	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Third Right	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 249					
Total # Children this Date: 94					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 249					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front Left-Play	35	C
Main	Front Right-Play	20	C
Main	Large Back-Play	371	C
Main	Second Right-Play	68	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an complaint investigation and follow up with the previous visit that was conducted September 21, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/06/2023

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.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

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!

Katina Mathis, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 11/6/2023

.12(4) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed properly secured white shelving units above the classroom sink.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2023

Corrected on 11/6/2023

.25(3) - Previously cited rule violation regarding chipped paint was corrected on this date

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

Not Met

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 there were gaps or openings present in the fencing by the front and back gate of the front right playground that exceeded more than 3.5 inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2023

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2023

Corrected on 11/6/2023

.26(6) - Previously cited rule violation regarding playground hazards was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2023

Corrected on 11/6/2023

.26(9) - Previously cited rule violation regarding playground hazards was corrected on this date

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 11/6/2023

.32(1) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Adequate supervision observed.