



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/1/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-49496

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The Westside School

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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.
09/01/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/24/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/22/2023	Complaint Investigation & 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	1L-Older Two's	One Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	1R-3-4 Year olds	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2L-Younger Two's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	2R- Younger Infants	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	4L Back- Infants	Infants	3	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Back left- Older Ones	Infants	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Diapering
Main	Back right- Younger Ones	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Middle-Ones	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 68					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Concrete	9	C
Main	Large	41	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up the previous visit conducted on August 22, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/01/2023

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 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 for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Jamekia Freeman, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

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591-1-1-.06(4)- Center was given until September 21, 2023, to correct the previously cited rule violation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023

Corrected on 9/1/2023

.19(1) - Previously cited rule violation regarding licensed capacity was corrected on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023

Corrected on 9/1/2023

.25(13) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed no hazards in classroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023

Corrected on 9/1/2023

.25(3) - Previously cited rule violation regarding dusty wall vents was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023

Corrected on 9/1/2023

.25(8) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that all electrical outlets were covered in the front left and second left classroom.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 an air conditioner system was accessible to the children on the large playground. There was no caging enclosing the air conditioner system.

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: 9/29/2023**Recited on 9/1/2023**

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023****Corrected on 9/1/2023**

.10(1) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff open windows throughout the center for ventilation when diapering.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023**Corrected on 9/1/2023**

.10(4) - Previously cited rule violation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed a new diapering pad on the diapering table in classroom 2R.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/22/2023****Corrected on 9/1/2023**

.17(7) - Previous citation regarding hand washing was corrected on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/1/2023****Corrected on 9/1/2023**

.30(1)(a) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed that five out five infant children present in the third left classroom had cribs available for use.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/27/2023****Corrected on 9/1/2023**

.24(1) - Previous citation was corrected on this date. The Center provided sufficient evidence that staff members personnel files were being properly maintained.