



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
 Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 7/24/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-48324
Childcare Network #23
 246 Rose Street Martinez, GA 30907 Columbia County
 (706) 863-2158 cni23@childcarenetwork.com

Regional Consultant
 Christina Jennings
 Phone: (404) 463-0970
 Fax: (770) 342-3177
 christina.jennings@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address
 Same

Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/24/2025	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/11/2025	TA Follow Up	NA
06/04/2025	TA Follow Up	NA

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.

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	Infants	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Flo or Play
Main	B	One Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	C	One Year Olds	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	F	Four Year Olds	1	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I	Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 177					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 93					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 177					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	19	C
Main	B	41	C
Main	C	60	C
Main	D	85	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	12	24	13	26	0	32

Comments

The Consultant reviewed the visit report and discussed best practices with the Center Director on this date. The complaint investigation was not closed on site due to additional interviews were needed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

(Findings Report)

Date: 7/24/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM
Study

CCLC-48324

Childcare Network #23

246 Rose Street Martinez, GA 30907 Columbia County
(706) 863-2158 cni23@childcarenetwork.com

Regional Consultant

Christina Jennings

Phone: (404) 463-0970

Fax: (770) 342-3177

christina.jennings@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

The following information is associated with a CI/LS:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2025

Prior Visits: 12/19/2023

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.25(13) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant did not observe hazards to be accessible to children on this date.

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 the toilet was

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: 7/24/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the snap hook used to connect the tire swing was not properly latched on one out of four tire swings on Playground C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2025

Prior Visits: 04/27/2023, 11/29/2022, 11/22/2022

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2025

Prior Visits: 12/19/2023

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.26(9) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the gazebo's wooden rails to have been replaced and in good repair on this date.

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2025

Prior Visits: 05/07/2025

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.15(2) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the infant feeding plans for all enrolled infants to be posted in Classroom A.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2025

Prior Visits: 12/19/2023

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.17(7) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed proper handwashing through out the Center on this date. The Center Director stated that additional all staff members have received additional training regarding handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2025

Prior Visits: 05/07/2025

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.17(8) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed proper handwashing through out the Center on this date. The Center Director stated that additional all staff members have received additional training regarding handwashing.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that four crib sheets were not tight fitting as required on Classroom A.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2025

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Comment**

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2025

Prior Visits: 05/07/2025

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.33(4) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed Staff #1 to have obtained four clock hours of training as required on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2025

Prior Visits: 05/07/2025, 12/18/2024, 11/18/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.32(1) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed proper ratios in all of the classrooms on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.