



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/25/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 7:40 AM

Departure: 9:45 AM

CCLC-52204

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
10/25/2023	POI Follow Up	Support	
09/25/2023	TA Follow Up	N/A	
09/20/2023	Licensing Study	Support	

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-1	Infants	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Diapering, Transitioning
Main	A-2		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-3		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-4		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- Cafe	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	27	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	E-5		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-6		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G-7		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-8		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-9		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 15			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Right	52	C
Main	B- Left	80	C
Main	C- Rear	38	C

Comments

Plan to be submitted by November 1, 2023

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 11/08/2023

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!

Harriet Douglas, Program Official

Date

Nadia Bernard, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

	Facility
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591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/30/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.26(6) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed riding equipment to be in good repair on this date.

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 on playground B the resilient surface surrounding the swing measured three inches. However, the surface had lifting edges which caused a potential tripping hazard. Furthermore, the resilient surface surrounding the blue slide climber measured less than one inch in depth when the resilient surface required was six inches in depth.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2023

Recited on 10/25/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.17(7) - Consultant observed compliant handwashing in Room A-1 on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.30(2)(c) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Staff stated that children are immediately moved from swings into their cribs when they fall asleep.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.09(1)(a) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed satisfactory criminal records for current staff on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.09(1)(c) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed satisfactory criminal records for current staff on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.33(3) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed completed Health and Safety Orientation training certificates for the applicable staff members.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- Staff have until December 31, 2023 to complete the ten hours of annual training.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2023

Corrected on 10/25/2023

.32(7) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed compliant staff to student ratios on this date.