



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/6/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 4:45 PM

CCLC-25589

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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.
06/06/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/25/2023	TA Follow Up	N/A	
04/14/2023	Initial-TA	N/A	

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-1st Rt	Infants	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B- 2nd Rt-Infants	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 3rd Rt- 1 y/o	Infants	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- 4th Rt- 1 y/o	Infants	1	14	NC	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-5th Rt- 2 y/o	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-6th Right-2 y/o	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G-1st Left- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H- 2nd Lft- 3 y/o		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	I- 3rd Lft-4 y/o	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J-Back Hall-4 y/o	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K-Back Hall-5 y/o		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	L-Back Hall-6y/o		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	M-Back Hall-End-7+		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	N-Cafeteria-5-12y/o		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 107			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Infant - 2 year playground	55	C
Main	B: 3-4 Year Old Playground	23	C
Main	Back Playground	48	C
Main	C: School Age Playground	47	C
Main	Front Paved Playground	7	C
Main	Left Playground	19	C
Main	Right Playground	44	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up on previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/RuleAndRegulations.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!

Donna Brown, Program Official

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Tasha McDonald, Lead Consultant

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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-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed all hazardous items in/or materials to be stored in a locked cabinet in/or container inaccessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed swings to be in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

Previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed all hazardous items inaccessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Corrected on 6/6/2023

Previous citation corrected, based on observation, children were observed to properly wash their hands at the appropriate times.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023****Corrected on 6/6/2023**

Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed positive interaction with children on this date.

Staff Records**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023****Corrected on 6/6/2023**

Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed positive interactions on this date.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that one staff was providing care for fourteen one year old children, in the D-4th Rt-1 y/o classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2023