



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 11/9/2021    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 4:45 PM

**CCLC-51860**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
11/09/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
10/22/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/06/2021	Incident Investigation 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
Building 2	Room E	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Music, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Main	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Art
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	24	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Nap, Feeding
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D	GA PreK	2	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			96			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date:			46			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	71	C
Main	B	10	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a complaint investigation and follow-up visit.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 11/23/2021

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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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.

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#### 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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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.

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**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)

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Skye Starks, Program Official

Date

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Jerica Davis, Consultant

Date



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**Findings Report**

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

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that two brown leather sofas were observed in the far right corner of classroom E with large sections of the brown leather peeling on the seats and arm rests posing a choke hazard to the children enrolled.

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**Correction Deadline: 11/16/2021**

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Please ensure to keep items such as brooms, toilet plungers, and staff personal items stored inaccessible to children at all times.

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**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 a 14 inch by 14 inch square was missing in the sheet rock under the sink in the bathroom of classroom D leaving insulation exposed.

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**Correction Deadline: 11/16/2021**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Please ensure that the gate to the walkway between buildings is closed while children are on the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 11/9/2021**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing pads in classrooms A and B were quilted and were not smooth and nonporous as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 11/9/2021**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old child was observed asleep in a crib with a soft toy in the crib next to his face posing a potential hazard.

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Correction Deadline: 11/9/2021

**Staff Records**

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 11/02/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2021

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 09/26/2019

**Records Reviewed: 18**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 06/21/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/21/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 09/16/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 01/08/2020	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 03/23/2021	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2021	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 07/16/2025	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

**Correction Deadline: 10/22/2021**

**Corrected on 11/9/2021**

**.09(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a complete comprehensive background check on file as required.**

**Correction Deadline: 10/22/2021**

Corrected on 11/9/2021

.09(1)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a comprehensive background check on file as required.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that twelve one and two-year-old children were in classroom C with one staff member during nap time where two staff members were required.

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**Correction Deadline: 11/9/2021**

**Recited on 11/9/2021**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that 4 two-year-old children were housed in classroom E with 5 three-year-old and 1 four-year-old child and did not meet the requirements to be housed with three-year-old children including being fully toilet trained.

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