



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/6/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:05 PM

CCLC-53686

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/06/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing
12/28/2022	ILS with PTO	Good Standing
12/09/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing

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 (1L) Pre-K 1		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA		
Main	B -(B) Pre-K 2		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	C- (BR) 3's	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap	
Main	D- (MR)- 4- 13 yr	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	E (FR) - 1's & 2's	One Year Olds	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Main	F (1R) 6wks- 18 mths	Infants	1	3	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

An in-person complaint investigation was conducted on April 6, 2023 with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/06/2023

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.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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Shirley Jackson, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.03(13) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion the schedule in the classrooms are now followed.

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.03(4) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion children with special needs are integrated with children their own age, unless contraindicated medically.

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.03(7) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion with the teacher in the two-year-old classroom outdoor activities are provided daily, weather permitting.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.03(8) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that center staff were responding appropriately to children's distress signals and need for comfort.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/13/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.12(2) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion the rust was scrubbed off the legs of the table, and they were spray painted.

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.19(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the center provided 35 square feet of usable space per child as required.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical Met

Correction Deadline: 12/26/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.25(10) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of documents the facility had obtained their Certificate of Occupancy.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.26(4) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the rust was scrubbed off and repainted, and the gap in the fence had been repaired.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.26(6) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the blue rails and the picnic tables had been repainted.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.26(8) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion 60 bags of mulch had been added around/under the wall. The swings were removed from the playground.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.26(9) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the planks on the wooden stairs were made secured. The wooden barrier near the basketball goal was made safe, and the red mat on the entrance to the playground was removed.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.10(4) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation staff clean the changing table after diapering as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.10(9) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation there were no bowls or spoons on the diapering area.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.17(2) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion children are kept clean, dry and comfortable.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.17(8) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation staff wash their hands after diapering children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.30(1)(d) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the cots were placed so there was a minimum of 12 inches between each crib and cot.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.32(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the correct Staff:child ratios were observed.

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.32(4) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on discussion, three-year-old children are now housed separately from two-year-old children.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2022

Corrected on 4/6/2023

.32(7) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation staff members were supervising and maintaining watchful oversight to the children.