



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

**Date:** 9/15/2022    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 10:15 AM    **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-17693**

**Childcare Network #89**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
09/15/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
08/10/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/29/2022	Monitoring Visit	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-infant	Infants	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-1's		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-2's	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	D-PreK		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Main	E-After School		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	
Main	F-PreK	PreK	2	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G-PreK		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	
Main	H-3's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	21	C	Outside
Main	I-Pre-K	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	23	C	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 232

Total # Children this Date: 49

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-infant/Tod	55	C
Main	Playground B-PreK	62	C
Main	Playground C-school-age	121	C
Main	Playground D	29	C

**Comments**

An in-person joint visit conducted along with Savannah Ennis from the Infant and Toddler Unit was conducted on this date. All previous citations were reviewed during the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/15/2022

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.decal.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



**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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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](http://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)

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Maria Chavez, Program Official

Date

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Beth Houtz, Consultant

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**Findings Report**

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

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

**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 the large climbing equipment on Playground C had a broken plexiglass dome that was cracked and presented a hazard to children in care. The plexiglass was taped but still poses a hazard due to the cracks continuing and the possibility of the tape giving way.

**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. Replacement or removal was recommended of the broken plexiglass.

**Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022**

**Recited on 9/15/2022**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 10**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 04/06/2022

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2021

Staff # 3 Met

**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4 Met  
 Date of Hire: 09/19/2016

Staff # 5 Not Met  
 Date of Hire: 08/22/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired  
"Missing/Incomplete Components"  
 .09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met  
 Date of Hire: 08/01/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8 Met  
 Date of Hire: 04/01/2022

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met  
 Date of Hire: 04/25/2022

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #5 hired on August 22, 2022, did not have their satisfactory comprehensive record check ported to the center and was within their portability time frame.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

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