



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 5/26/2023    **VisitType:** TA Follow Up    **Arrival:** 8:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-37610**

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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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| 05/26/2023                         | TA Follow Up                       | Good Standing |  |
| 03/20/2023                         | Incident Investigation Closure     | Good Standing |  |
| 01/23/2023                         | Incident Investigation & Follow Up | Good Standing |  |

**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building                       | Room | Age Group | Max 35 SF.                    | Max 25 SF.  |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------|-------------------------------|---|
| Main                           | A    |           | 8                             | NA  |
| Main                           | B    |           | 4                             | NA  |
| Main                           | C    |           | 6                             | NA  |
| Main                           | D    |           | 10                            | NA  |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25 |      |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks |

Total # Children this Date: 0    Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25    Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A | 35                   |

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is a action planning visit.

**Strength Based TA**

Plan of Improvement:

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

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)



#### 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!**

JENNIFER STEWART, Program Official

Date

Mary Jerrell, Technical Assistance Unit Consultant

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|   |   |                    |            |             |                 | Facility     |
|---|---|--------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Rule: 591-1-1-.26(9) - (9) Safety and Upkeep of Playground. Playgrounds shall be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete.</b> |   |                    |            |             |                 |              |
| <b>S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that the playground is safe and in good repair for the children.</b>   |   |                    |            |             |                 |              |
| Step Number   | Action Step   | Person Responsible | Due Date   | Status      | Completion Date | Action Taken |
| 1   | The grass will be cut and the toys that need to be thrown away will be removed including all the chairs that are on the playground. | Director           | 06/14/2023 | In-Progress |                 |              |
| Materials Needed:   |   |                    |            |             |                 |              |
| Resources Provided:   |   |                    |            |             |                 |              |

**Staffing and Supervision**

**Rule: 591-1-1-.32(7) - (7) Supervision.** Children shall be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

**S.M.A.R.T Goal:** To ensure that the children are always supervised.

| Step Number | Action Step   | Person Responsible | Due Date   | Status      | Completion Date | Action Taken |
|-------------|---|--------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1           | The director will ensure that staff are not leaving the children unattended to go to the kitchen or other classrooms. The director has a new person starting as soon as her background check clears who will work in a classroom and allow that teacher who is currently in the classroom to be a floater and possibly the cook. The TA consultant worked with staff to let them know they have to stay in their rooms. | Director           | 05/26/2023 | In-Progress |                 |              |

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided: