



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 7/17/2023    **VisitType:** TA Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-51060**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
07/17/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing
06/14/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing
06/06/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	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	Max 35 SF.	Max 25 SF.
Main	A	Infants and One Year Olds	6	NA
Main	B		12	NA
Main	C		22	NA
Main	D		9	NA
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 49	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	
Total # Children this Date: 0		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 49	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Main	A	66
Main	B	95

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to follow up from the last visit because of a consent order.

**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.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

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 user id 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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Ammie Hodges, Program Official

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Mary Jerrell, Technical Assistance Unit Consultant

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**Activities and Equipment**

**Rule: 591-1-1-.03(6) - (6) Activities for Children Under Three. Children less than three (3) years of age shall not spend more than one-half (1/2) hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jump seats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake. Such children shall be allowed time to play on the floor daily. Infants shall have supervised tummy time on the floor daily when they are awake.**

**S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that children are not in any equipment for longer than 30 minutes at a time.**

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The staff will rotate children in and out of equipment at least every 30 minutes.	Director	07/17/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

**Rule: 591-1-1-.06(6) - (6) Supplies. Bathrooms shall be within easy reach of children and equipped with soap, toilet tissue and single-use towels or cloth towels used only once between launderings.**

**S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that each classroom has hand soap for the children to use when washing their hands.**

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The director and owner will make sure there is soap and toilet paper in every bathroom.	Director	07/17/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

**Rule: 591-1-1-.19(1) - (1) Usable Space Per Child. A Center's License capacity is based upon its size. A Center must have thirty-five (35) square feet of usable space per child. Kitchens, bathrooms, closets, halls, storage areas or rooms, offices, rooms designated for Staff use, other single use areas and space occupied by adult size furniture shall be excluded in determining usable space.**

**S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that there are not more than the license allows in each classroom.**

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The director will make sure that each class retains the correct number of children for the licensed space. Today there were nine children in a room licensd for six.	director	07/17/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

**Rule: 591-1-1-.25(11) - (11) Flooring. Floor coverings shall be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable.**

**S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that all carpet and floor are in good condition and able to be cleaned.**

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The director will let the owner know about the chipped floor tiles through out the center and the red carpet that is coming up in the doorways.	owner	07/28/2023	In-Progress		
2	The owner will make sure the roof is repaired so that when it rains water is not coming into the building.	owner	07/21/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

**Rule: 591-1-1-.25(3) - (3) Cleanliness. The Center and surrounding premises shall 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.**

**S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that there are no bugs in the center especially the kitchen area.**

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The owner will make sure and have the pest company come and spray for the roaches that were seen in the building today.	owner	07/17/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

**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.**

**S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that the playground is safe for the children..**

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The director will ensure that all staff are aware of the importance of removing broken toys from the playground when they see them. She will also get the weeds removed from around the playground and fix the hand rail on the porch or remove the porch if it is not being used.	director	07/17/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

**Health and Hygiene**

**Rule: 591-1-1-.17(7) - (7) Handwashing, Children. Children's hands shall be washed with soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for care; when moving from one child care group to another, and upon re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, or playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood; and after contamination by any other means.**

**S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that there is soap available in all classrooms for children to use when washing their hands.**

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The owner will make sure there is hand soap available for the children to use when washing hands.	director/owner	07/17/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

**Staffing and Supervision**

**Rule: 591-1-1-.32(1) - (1) A center must establish groupings of children for care and maintain staff:child ratios as follows:**

<b>Ages of Children</b>	<b>Staff:Child Ratio*</b>	<b>Maximum Group Size**</b>
Infants less than one (1) year old or children under eighteen (18) months who are not walking	1:6	12
One (1) year olds who are walking	1:8	16
Two (2) year olds	1:10	20
Three (3) year olds	1:15	30
Four (4) year olds	1:18	36
Five (5) year olds	1:20	40
Six (6) years and older	1:25	50

\* Staff, such as the director or service workers (food, maintenance and clerical staff, etc.), shall be counted in the staff:child ratio only during the time that they are giving full attention to the direct supervision of the children. Service staff routinely acting as child care workers shall meet the qualifications of the respective caregivers.

\*\* Maximum group size does not apply to outdoor play on the playground routinely used by the center or for special activities in the center lasting no more than two (2) hours. However, required staff:child ratios must be maintained.

**S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that child staff ratios are being followed in every classroom.**

<b>Step Number</b>	<b>Action Step</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
1	The director will make sure there is enough staff available to care for the number of children in care. Today there were nine infant and toddlers and one staff person.	Director	07/17/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided: