



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/4/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:30 AM    **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-56653**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<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.
08/04/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/01/2023	Licensing Study	Support	
11/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Main Building 2nd Floor	ER-2 year old	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main Building 2nd Floor	FR-Pre-K	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main Building Ground Floor	AL-Infant	Infants and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main Building Ground Floor	BR-Three year old	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning
Main Building Ground Floor	C-Middle-One Year old	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main Building Ground Floor	G-Afterschool	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	89	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building Ground Floor	1 YR Playground	2	C
Main Building Ground Floor	Infant Playground	1	C
Main Building Ground Floor	Large Playground	32	C

**Comments**

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. Criminal records were reviewed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

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Alice Harris, Program Official

Date

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Cassandra Jakes-Beasley, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023**

**Corrected on 8/4/2023**

.26(4) - Based on observation all fencing were repaired.

**Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023**

**Corrected on 8/4/2023**

.26(9) - Based on observation all nails were removed from beneath the climbing structure and the dangling changes were cut or secured.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

Corrected on 8/4/2023

.10(4) - The diaper changing pads were removed and new nonporous pad were placed on the changing surface in the infant and one-year-old classroom.

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

## Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

Corrected on 8/4/2023

.09(1)(a) - Based on review staff member did obtain a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required..

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

Corrected on 8/4/2023

.09(1)(c) - Based on review staff member did obtain a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

Corrected on 8/4/2023

.09(1)(j) - Based on review staff member did obtain a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination and ported as required.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.