



**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:** 7/7/2023    **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 10:00 AM

**CCLC-48971**

**A Brighter Choice Learning Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<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.
07/07/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/08/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/08/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	A - 1L/ 6 weeks- 12 months	One Year Olds	1	2	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B - 2LM- 1's and 2's	Infants	1	1	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C - Back Right - 2's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D- Middle Right - potty trianed 2's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	E -Left front-3's	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 7			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Left (6weeks - 2 years)	84	C
Main	B- Right - 2's	95	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct an incident investigation and follow-up to previous visit conducted on February 8, 2023.

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.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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Stephanie English, 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**

**Defer**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.03(6)-Will be observed at next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to use confining equipment appropriately, to provide supervised floor play daily for children under three years of age, including infants, and will monitor regularly.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023**

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023**

**Corrected on 7/7/2023**

**.08(1) - Citation corrected**

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023**

**Corrected on 7/7/2023**

**.19(1) - Citation corrected**

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

591-1-1-.26(9)- Will be observed at next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 1/27/2023**

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<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.15(3)-Will be observed at next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.18(8)-Will be observed at next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.10(9)- Will be observed at next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will be trained, specified areas will be available for food preparation and placement of food-related items, and the director will monitor.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023**

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.17(7)-Will be observed at next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023****Defer**

591-1-1-.17(8)-Will be observed at next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023**

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023**

**Corrected on 7/7/2023**

**.21(3) - Citation corrected**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Defer**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3- Will be observed at next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.30(2)- Will be observed at next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023**

**Staff Records**

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/27/2022**

**Corrected on 7/7/2023**

**.14(2) - Citation corrected**

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Defer**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.32(7)- Will be observed at next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2023**

