

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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**Date:** 7/13/2023 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Arrival: 3:00 PM Departure: 4:35 PM

Follow Up

**CCLC-1945 Country Kids** 

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**Quality Rated: No** 

Compliance Zone Designation				
07/13/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing		
12/27/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
01/19/2022	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

Support Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

**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.		Comp.	Notes
Main	A- Front Right	One Year Olds	1	10	С	12	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B-Center Front	Infants	1	6	С	16	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-Left Front	Two Year Olds	2	19	С	20	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D Left Rear(PreK 1)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	С	37	С	52	С	Outside
Main	E-Center Rear	Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	С	29	С	40	С	Outside,Transiti oning
Main	F-Right Rear	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	С	25	С	35	С	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:	139		Total C ft.: 139	Capacity @	25 sq.			

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Total # Children this Date: 89 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 139

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Center Riight Rear	59	С
Main	Playground B-Left Rear	37	С
Main	Playground C-Left Side	12	С

#### Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

07-13-2023: The purpose of the visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up on the previous visit.

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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 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 <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/27/2022

**Corrected on 7/13/2023** 

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the the wooden shelf near the exterior door, in classroom Center Rear was secure to the wall.

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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Not Met** 

**Finding** 

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation Classroom D Left Rear and E Center rear did not have operable ventilation in the children's restroom.

### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

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Correction Deadline: 7/14/2023

Recited on 7/13/2023

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2023

**Corrected on 7/13/2023** 

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have First Aid and CPR training on file on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2023

**Corrected on 7/13/2023** 

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to based on review of records, in that the Center had evidence of all staff completing the Health and Safety Orientation Training on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/27/2022

**Corrected on 7/13/2023** 

.32(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and organize children into groups that met requirements.

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