



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/12/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation by Phone **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-35001

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
05/12/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
05/01/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/20/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Comments

This complaint investigation was completed by phone.

05/23/2022-The investigation was closed on this date. The findings were discussed with the director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/12/2022

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.al.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



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 for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Cynthia Wright, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation by Phone:

Facility

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Please ensure that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. On this date the consultant observed the flooring in the bathroom of the following classrooms to be stained and not cleanable: 2nd left classroom, 5th left classroom, and 4th right classroom

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure that the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. On this date the consultant observed the following areas needing repair:

* 2nd Right

- The toilet seat in the bathroom was stained on the right hand side.

- The bathroom wall had spots of chipping paint and bleach stained walls.

* 4th Right

- There was chipped paint in the girl's bathroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to 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. It was determined based on investigative findings and observations that there were ceiling tiles that were not secured in the 2nd right after school classroom, and the 3rd left preschool classroom. It was further determined based on investigative findings that ceiling tiles were missing in the 5th left after school classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2022

Recited on 5/12/2022

Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022

Corrected on 5/12/2022

.25(8) - Previous citation observed corrected in that protective caps were placed in outlets as required.