



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/30/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:10 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/30/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
01/31/2023	Monitoring Visit	Support
11/17/2022	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	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A	Infants	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	GA PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E	Two Year Olds	1	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F	GA PreK	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Modular	G	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Modular	H	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 117			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infant	9	C
Main	B-Toddler	30	C


Main	C-Preschool	62	C
Main	D-School Age	53	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit is to complete a POI/FU visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/30/2023

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.decgal.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 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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Cheryl Morris, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

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

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.19(1) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center maintained licensed capacity on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.25(13) - Previous citation observed corrected in that all hazardous items were inaccessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.25(3) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center and surrounding areas were cleaned, and repaired on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following areas of fencing were in not in good repair on this date:

***Playground B**

- There was a four inch gap located on the left hand side near the entrance causing a potential entrapment hazard.

***Playground D**

- There was a five inch gap located on the right hand side across the basketball court causing a potential entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

Recited on 3/30/2023

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.26(9) - Previous citation observed corrected in that all hazards were repaired as required on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.10(4) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center purchased a new changing pad for classroom B on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - Previous citation observed corrected in that the designated person documented in writing a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2023

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.36(7)(c)3. - Previous citation observed corrected in that arrival and departure times were documented as required on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.30(4) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the children's blankets were stored in cubbies not touching on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Discussed naptime ratios.

Comment

Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the assistant director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.32(2) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date in that appropriate staff child ratios were observed on this date.