



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

Date: 9/20/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-14762

Bright Beginnings Learning Center

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/20/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
04/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/21/2021	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 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		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B infant room		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	21	C	Nap
Main	D		0	0	C	17	C	24	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 51					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 64					
Total # Children this Date: 9			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 51			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 64				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	88	C

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.

September 20, 2022- The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit on April 10, 2022.

The follow up report was discussed with the provider and a copy was left at the center.

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



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.state.ga.us 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)

Latrawne Ellis, Program Official

Date

Chilon Martin, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Lesson plans were accessible in all classrooms that were in use.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. The television in classroom C was mounted on the wall and there were no hanging cords.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. All children's files checked were completed correctly and completely.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. All children's files checked were completed correctly and completely.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. There were no hazards observed in Classroom A or Classroom C.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. There was no overgrown vegetation on the fences on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant did not observe any hazards in classroom A, Classroom C or in the kitchen.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant did not observe any exposed cords near the exit door and there was no rust observed on the fence.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. There were no safety hazards on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed at least six inches of resilient surface underneath the slide, coil climber and fireman pole.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant did not observe any exposed cords near the exit door.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/6/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed a trash bag in all trash cans in the center.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all staff members washing hands appropriately and wearing gloves while at the center.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed all required signs posted in the center.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed that the right side view mirror had been repaired.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Staff #5 was no longer employed at the center and all other staff members had the required 10 hours of annual training.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2022

Corrected on 9/20/2022

Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed active supervision while at the center.