



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 1/10/2023    **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:45 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-30974**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
01/10/2023	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/17/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
09/26/2022	POI Follow Up	Support

**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	A1-1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Floor Play
Main	A2-2nd Right	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	A3-3rd Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	A4-4th Right		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Main	A5-5th Right		0	0	C	30	C	42	C	
Main	A6-5th Left		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	
Main	B1-1st Left		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	B2-2nd Left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	B3-3rd Left	One Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B4-4th Left	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	27	C	Circle Time
Main	B5-6th Right	GA PreK	2	19	C	25	C	35	C	Circle Time
Main	B6-6th Left		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220

Total # Children this Date: 81

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220

Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A1	12	C

Main	Plgd-A2	128	C
Main	Plgd-B1	14	C
Main	Plgd-B2	96	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.

Plan of Improvement was developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/10/2023

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.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

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

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Andrea Bishop, Program Official

Date

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the two bamboo chairs in the 1st Right Classroom need to have safety straps.

**Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the gray bat man toy in the 4th Left posted a falling hazard. It was further determined that Christmas lights were hanging next to the cubbies in the 4th Left that posed a chocking hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

**Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023**

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed replacing O Rings in The 4th Left, 5th Right and 6th Right restroom.

**Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed picking up cups from the playgrounds.

**Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old was not required to wash hands upon entering the 1st Right Classroom.

**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: 1/10/2023****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member in the 1st Right Classroom did not wash hands after cleaning a child's nose.

**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: 1/10/2023**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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<b>Safety</b>
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records that two of three annual safety checks did not have the owner/operator of vehicle listed, one of three did not have the facility address listed, and one of three (tag ending in 2417) did not have a signature from a mechanic and was not marked off as having all items as being inspected.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

**Correction Deadline: 1/15/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the following information was missing from the emergency medical forms:

- four of 35 did not have a phone number for the doctor
- three of 35 did not have the doctor's name
- two of 35 did not have listed if the child was on any medication
- one of 25 did not have listed an emergency contact
- one of 35 did not have the mother's information listed
- two of 35 did not have the father's information listed
- four of 35 did not have work phone numbers for the parents
- one of 35 did not have listed if the child had any special conditions.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 1/11/2023**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Staff Records**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

**The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation Visit:**

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022**

**Corrected on 1/10/2023**

**.32(7) - Citation corrected.**