

#### 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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#### **Cover Sheet**

Arrival: 8:45 AM Departure: 10:40 AM **Date:** 10/6/2022 VisitType: Complaint Investigation

Follow Up

#### CCLC-32922

#### **Small World Child Care Center**

300 Lavender Lane Thomaston, GA 30286 Upson County (706) 647-4491 smallworldchildcare71@outlook.com

#### **Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 1183 Thomaston, GA 30286

#### **Quality Rated:**





Compliance Zone Designation					
10/06/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing			
08/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
01/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			

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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

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	1L/Pre-K	PreK	2	20	С	19	NC	26	С	Breakfast
Main	2L	Two Year Olds	2	10	С	18	С	NA	NA	Art
Main	3L	One Year Olds	2	8	С	17	С	24	С	Transitioning
Main	4L	Infants	2	9	С	17	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Middle	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	С	25	С	35	С	Music,Transitioni
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96	6		Total C ft.: 120	apacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 65 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	0	С

#### Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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





#### 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!

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 <a href="https://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a> 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)

lulie Love, Program Official	Date	Brandi Mangino, Consultant	Date



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

**Facility** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2022

**Corrected on 10/6/2022** 

.25(13) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the wooden barriers on the playground had chipping wood.

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

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

Recited on 10/6/2022

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

#### Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Citation will be deferred until the first regulatory visit of 2023.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

## Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2022

**Corrected on 10/6/2022** 

.32(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.