



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/11/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:05 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/11/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
06/01/2023	Monitoring Visit	Support
11/08/2022	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	Room - A (Middle - Ft. Left)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room - B (Middle - Bk Left)		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C - (Middle - Ft. Back Rt.)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D - (Middle - Ft. Rt.)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room E - Rt. Wing ft. left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room F - (Rt. wing - bk left)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room H - (Rt. Wing - ft. middle)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room I - (Rt. Wing - ft. rt.)		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room J - (Left wing - ft. left)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room L - (Left Wing - Bk Right)		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room M - (Left Wing - Ft. rt.)	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 238						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - (Left)	224	C
Main	Playground B - (Middle)	81	C
Main	Playground C - (Right)	228	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/11/2023

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 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 for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Julie Barnett, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, Regional Consultant

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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-.06 Bathrooms

Defer

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591-1-1-.06(4)-Citation deferred as the parts have been ordered to corrected the citation and the center is awaiting the part to come in.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

Corrected on 7/11/2023

.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 following hazards were present on center playgrounds:

Right Side Playground C- The concrete was not flush with the ground leading to the shaded area, mulch around the sidewalk of the sliding equipment and swinging equipment areas had a gap approximately six inches wide which posed a tripping hazard, and there were three active ant beds present.

Left Side Playground A-The vegetation was growing through the far left fence

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: 7/18/2023

Recited on 7/11/2023

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2023

Corrected on 7/11/2023
.21(3) - Citation corrected.

Safety

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 the annual safety checks no tag numbers were listed no mileage, or vehicle type were listed for one of two buses. It was further determined that one bus did not have a department approved inspection at this time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2023

Recited on 7/11/2023

Staff Records

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Criminal record check requirements discussed on this date as on staff member has a national background check. Consultant discussed that person has to be supervised by someone with a competencies background check at all times.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2023

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2023

Corrected on 7/11/2023
.33(3) - Citation corrected.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

Corrected on 7/11/2023
.32(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.