



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Date:** 6/13/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:30 AM    **Departure:** 2:40 PM

**CCLC-24185**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
06/13/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/01/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/18/2022	Complaint Closure	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 1/R	Infants	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	B/ 2R	One Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Building II Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Building II Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	C/3R	Two Year Olds	3	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D/4/R	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	18	C	25	C	Transitioning
Main	E/ 1R	Six Year Olds and Over	2	15	C	20	C	28	C	Outside
Main	F/ BackLeft/Pre-K	Five Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	28	C	Outside
Main	G/ 2L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	G/2L Rt 2 Yr old		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	H/Middle	Six Year Olds and Over	2	18	C	21	C	29	C	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 219					
Total # Children this Date: 99			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 219				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	left front	11	C
Main	Preschool Front	53	C

**Comments**

The consultant conducted an onsite monitoring visit on June 13, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/13/2023

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.

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**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.

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**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](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that playground equipment does not have chipping paint.

**Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please spray paint exposed tree roots.

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023**

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(8) - Please ensure that staff wash hands when moving between classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023

### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.11(1) requires that disciplinary actions used to correct a child's behavior, guidance techniques and any activities in which the children participate or observe at the Center shall not be detrimental to the physical or mental health of any child. It was determined based on observation that a two-year-old parent was called as a form of discipline.. It was further determined that a two-year-old was placed in time-out on the playground as a form of discipline.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will cease use of this disciplinary method; the director will provide staff training on appropriate child guidance techniques and have a system in place to monitor and identify/prevent inappropriate actions.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2022

Corrected on 6/13/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - This citation was corrected on this date. The center is not currently providing transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

## 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.

**Correction Deadline: 12/1/2022**

**Corrected on 6/13/2023**

**.09(1)(j) - This citation was corrected on this date. All staff were observed to be ported electronically as required.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**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.