



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

**Date:** 11/2/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:40 PM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

**CCLC-48046**

#### Imagination Zone Childcare & Early Learning Center

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**Quality Rated:** ★

Compliance Zone Designation			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
11/02/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/02/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/09/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

#### 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: 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B: 2R		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	C: Middle	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D: Left		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			62		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 62		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A Right	38	C
Main	PG B: Right Back	10	C
Main	PG C: Left Back	37	C

#### Comments

Consultant conducted and on site follow-up visit on November 2, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/02/2022

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.decal.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



### 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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) 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](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)

Deria Watts, Program Official

Date

Kajora McCoy, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/9/2022**

**Corrected on 11/2/2022**

**.26(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. The playground fence was observed to be free of hazards and in good condition.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

PG C:Left Back:

- There was a red and yellow monkey bar structure with peeling paint.
- There was a red and yellow slide with peeling paint.
- There was a red and yellow car with peeling paint.

PG: A Right:

- There was a red, white, and blue slide that was missing pieces of the plastic surface.
- There was a red and yellow merry-go-round that was detached from the bottom spinning foundation.
- There was a discarded broken pink slide.

PG: B Right Back:

- There was a bucket swing structure with peeling paint.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 11/25/2022**

**Recited on 11/2/2022**

**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 the following hazards were observed:

PG:C Left Back playground:

-There were thorny vines alongside the left of the fence.

PG: A Right:

- There was an exposed green tarp covering a tree stump near the middle of the back fence.
- There were tree branches and pine cones across the playground..
- There were several wasps observed to be flying across the back right area of the playground.
- There was a broken green bucket near the inner back fence.

PG: B Right Back:

-There were several pine cones and tree branches on the playground.

**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: 11/11/2022**

**Recited on 11/2/2022**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/9/2022**

**Corrected on 11/2/2022**

**.10(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. The diaper changing surfaces were observed to be clean and free of debris.**

**Safety**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the left door inside of vehicle RSA3219 was missing the cover and did not open, there was a broken seat belt cover on the front row seat, missing vents and cup holders, and trash and debris across the floors. It was further determined based on observation the front row seat and arm rest cover were torn, there was one broken seatbelt cover, one missing door vent,missing vents at the top of the vehicle, and trash across the floors of vehicle RMG4814.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 11/30/2022**

**Recited on 11/2/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the fire extinguisher on vehicle RSA3219 was empty and not in working order as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

**Correction Deadline: 11/4/2022**

**Recited on 11/2/2022**

**Correction Deadline: 8/10/2022**

**Corrected on 11/2/2022**

.36(7)(c)2. - This citation was corrected on this date. Transportation documents were observed to be complete with all required documentation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/9/2022**

**Corrected on 11/2/2022**

.30(1)(b)1 - This citation was corrected on this date. Children's sleeping mats were observed to be two inches thick.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on observation that two-year old children were being housed with three and four-year old children during nap time.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain Staff:child ratios based on the youngest child in the group during early morning and late afternoon times when children younger than three years of age may be grouped with older children.

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022**