



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 2/22/2023    **VisitType:** POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 2:20 PM    **Departure:** 4:25 PM

**CCLC-37103**

**Caring and Sharing Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/22/2023	POI Follow Up	Deficient
02/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Deficient
09/20/2022	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	B-2's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA		
Main	C- Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	NC	10	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	Rm. A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	9	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					27	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			27	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	12	C
Main	Special Use Area (Car Port Area)	2	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement follow-up conducted.  
A plan of improvement is to be submitted by March 8, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/08/2023

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.state.ga.us/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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Courtney Wilkinson, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, Consultant

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**

**Corrected on 2/22/2023**

**.03(6) - Correction observed on this date. Children were observed on mats and in cribs.**

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Not Met**

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**Correction Deadline: 3/1/2018**

**Corrected on 2/22/2023**

**.08(1) - Correction observed on this date. Enrollment forms were filled out completely.**

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**Correction Deadline: 3/1/2018**

**Corrected on 2/22/2023**

**.08(1)(b) - Correction observed on this date, Children's files were available on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of records and the director's statement there were no sign in/out sheets for children available for February 13, 2023, to February 22, 2023.

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**Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023**

**Recited on 2/22/2023**

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation there were 15 children present in classroom A when the license capacity was nine.

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**Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023**

**Recited on 2/22/2023**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation the following hazards were present:

- \* Classroom A- plastic covering on diapers under the table and two plastic white trash bags under the table.
- \* Classroom B- plastic covering on diapers and a plastic grocery bag were on a low shelf accessible to children in care.

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**Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023**

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**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards needed to be repaired:

- \* Classroom A - paint peeling to the left of the window.
  - \* Classroom A1- paint peeling to the left of the bathroom door.
  - \* Classroom C- Paint was peeling on the front left wall.
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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) Not Met**

**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 orange trike-go-around had two screws sticking up.

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**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation there was no resilient surfacing under the following items:

- \* Yellow metal bus climbing structure had three inches under it but it did not cover the fall zones.
  - \* Green slide had none.
  - \* Orange trike-go-around had none.
- The red rescue metal car had none.

All items were under five feet height therefore, three inches resilient surfacing was required.

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**Correction Deadline: 2/23/2023**

**Recited on 2/22/2023**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**

**Corrected on 2/22/2023**

**.07(5) - Correction observed on this date. Pacifier clips were not being used.**

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**

**Corrected on 2/22/2023**

**.30(2) - Correction observed on this date. Nothing was in the cribs with sleeping infants.**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**

**Corrected on 2/22/2023**

**.09(1)(a) - Staff no longer works at the facility.**

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**

**Corrected on 2/22/2023**

**.09(1)(c) - Staff no longer works at the facility.**



**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**

**Corrected on 2/22/2023**

**.32(4) - Correction observed on this date. There were no children under three-years-old with children over three-years-old.**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**

**Corrected on 2/22/2023**

**.32(7) - Correction observed on this date. Staff were present in two classrooms being used.**