



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 4/14/2023    **VisitType:** POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-37103**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
04/14/2023	POI Follow Up	Deficient
02/22/2023	POI Follow Up	Deficient
02/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Deficient

**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	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	9	NC	8	NC	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	C- Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	Rm. A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Story,Centers	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					27	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date: 18			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 completed on April 14, 2023.

Plan of Improvement to be submitted by April 28, 2023.

Office Conference will be scheduled. Provider will receive an email with office conference date, time and place.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/14/2023

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.

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

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

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

**Corrected on 4/14/2023**

**.08(6) - Correction observed on this date. Children were sign in on this date.**

**Facility**

**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 nine children present in classroom B when the license capacity was eight.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023**

**Recited on 4/14/2023**

**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 pull ups and Pampers wipes were low in a child's cubby accessible to children in care.
- \* Classroom B- Pampers and Huggies wipes were on a low shelf accessible to children in care. Pampers wipes were also on a low child size table accessible to children in care.
- \* All items had the warning label Keep out of Reach of Children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. Staff in classroom A moved the items immediately to an inaccessible place for children in care. Staff in classroom A will move accessible hazards to a safe place.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023****Recited on 4/14/2023****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.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023****Recited on 4/14/2023**

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

**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. The center will remove broken toys

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023****Recited on 4/14/2023**

**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.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023**

**Recited on 4/14/2023**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that the following classrooms were not in ratio.

- \* Classroom B had three one-year-olds and six two-year-olds with one staff. One more staff was required,

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.,

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023**

**Recited on 4/14/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on a review of records that in classroom A there was one two-year-old mixed with five children three-years-old and older.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023**