



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/4/2023    **VisitType:** POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:55 AM    **Departure:** 11:35 AM

**CCLC-37103**

**Caring and Sharing Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/04/2023	POI Follow Up	Support
04/14/2023	POI Follow Up	Deficient
02/22/2023	POI Follow Up	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		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA		
Main	C- Infants	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play	
Main	Rm. A	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					27	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date: 15			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 visit completed on August 4, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/04/2023

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.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

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 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Courtney Wilkinson, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, Regional Consultant

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

	<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

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

**Corrected on 8/4/2023**

**.19(1) - Correction observed on this date. Licensed capacity was met on this date.**

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

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

**Corrected on 8/4/2023**

**.25(13) - Correction observed on this date. Hazards were stored inaccessible to children in care.**

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

**Corrected on 8/4/2023**

**.25(3) - Correction observed on this date.**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Not Met**

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

**Corrected on 8/4/2023**

**.26(6) - Correction observed on this date. The trike-go-around screws had been repaired.**

**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 had none.
- \* Blue slide 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. Provider stated shock absorbing mats were ordered and would be delivered on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

**Correction Deadline: 8/9/2023**

**Recited on 8/4/2023**

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Not Met**

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

**Corrected on 8/4/2023**

**.32(2) - Correction observed on this date. Ratios were met on this date.**

**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 were three two-year-olds 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: 8/4/2023**

**Recited on 8/4/2023**