

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 6/7/2023 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Arrival: 2:25 PM Departure: 5:15 PM

Follow Up

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Quality Rated: *





Compliance Zone Designation					
06/07/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing			
02/28/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
09/21/2022	Monitoring Visit	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

Support

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

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
One bldg.	A	Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	С	20	С	NA	NA	Free Play
One bldg.	В		0	0	С	10	С	NA	NA	
One bldg.	С		0	0	С	12	С	NA	NA	
One bldg.	D-gym	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	54	С	146	С	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1	88		Total C ft.: 0	Capacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 74

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188

Total Capacity @25 sq.

ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One bldg.	Playground A	10	С
One bldg.	Playground B	57	С

June 7, 2023--The follow-up visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 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 for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

Tabia Quarles, Program Official	Date	Penny Svenson, Region Consultant	Date

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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

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 that there was a hole that measured 24 inches by six inches on the immediate right side of the playground area as you entered the area from the double red doors. Further, there was exposed concrete with sharp edges around the fourth, seventh, and eighth fence posts on the left side of 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. The center attempted to cover the concrete with top soil, but the concrete was still exposed, as well as the hole was still present and will be filled in. The concrete will have spray foam or have a Rubberific Brown Recycled tree ring placed on top of the exposed concrete.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2023

Recited on 6/7/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

Corrected on 6/7/2023

Children were observed to wash their hands on this date without a staff member telling them to do so.

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Safety

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

Defer

Defer

This rule will be evaluated on the following regulatory visit when transportation will be observed. No transportation was conducted during the visit on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

This rule will be evaluated on the following licensing study conducted for the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

Defer

This rule will be evaluated on the following licensing study conducted for the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

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Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023