



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 6/5/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-22700**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
06/05/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
11/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/25/2022	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	First Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	29	C	41	C	Transitioning
Main	First Right	One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Second Left		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	
Main	Second Right	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Third Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	21	C	30	C	Free Play
Main	Third Right	Infants	1	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 111					
Total # Children this Date: 35			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 111				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	71	C
Main	Right	19	C

**Comments**

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up on the previous visit.

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.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!**

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Francina Moore, Program Official

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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)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/23/2022**

**Corrected on 6/5/2023**

**Previous citations was found corrected on this date.**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation that the diapering sink in the infant classroom was not working and the handwashing sink on the other side of the counter was being used.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that a hand washing sink is located adjacent to each diapering area, that flush sinks are not used for handwashing, and that the department has approved cleansing procedures in other facilities, if applicable.

**Correction Deadline: 6/12/2023**

**Recited on 6/5/2023**

**Staff Records**

**Defer**

Defer until next visit with the Regional consultant to have all classrooms with a Lead Teacher.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

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