



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/2/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:55 AM **Departure:** 6:25 PM

**CCLC-13720**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
02/02/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/02/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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	1L	Infants	1	3	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Flo or Play
Main	1L	GA PreK	4	39	C	39	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	1R PreK		0	0	C	39	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L	One Year Olds	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers,Diapering
Main	2R-PreK		0	0	C	46	C	64	C	
Main	3L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Centers
Main	3R		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	4L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Center-L		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
Main	Center-R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			295		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295					
Total # Children this Date: 71			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 295		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant	39	C
Main	Preschool	72	C
Main	School Age	248	C
Main	Water Park	16	C

#### Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on March 2, 2022

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/02/2023

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

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Jennifer Poole, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022**

**Corrected on 2/2/2023**

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed complete records for five of five children.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children, such as, but not limited to:

- adult office supplies, such as white out, scissors, permanent markers
- cleaning tools, such as mops, brooms, plungers
- hygiene supplies, such as wipes, hand sanitizer
- tripping or entanglement hazards such as loose cords

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

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that staff did not wash children's hands after completing the diaper changing process in classroom 2L.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

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

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member did not wash their hands after completing the diaper changing process in classroom 2L.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

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

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11 - Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that emergency medical information records contain the required information for each child.

**Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023****Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated knowledge of safe sleep practices.

**Staff Records****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Director provided eleven files for employees hired since last visit March 2, 2022.

**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022****Corrected on 2/2/2023****.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed currently employed staff to have a Comprehensive Records Check Determination.****Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022****Corrected on 2/2/2023****.09(1)(l)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed currently employed staff to have a Comprehensive Records Check Determination.****591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on review of records that staff #5, date of hire July 18, 2022, and staff #8, date of hire September 25, 2022, did not obtain certification in first aid and CPR within 90 days of their hire date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

**Correction Deadline: 3/4/2023**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.