



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 4/3/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 10:55 AM    **Departure:** 3:05 PM

**CCLC-46842**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
04/03/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
04/03/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
03/20/2023	Complaint Closure	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	A - 1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B - 2L	One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C - 3L	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D - R Hall L	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	E - 4R	GA PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F - 3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
Main	G - 2R	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H - 1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	I - Middle		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192					
Total # Children this Date: 90			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Left	22	C
Main	B - Back	78	C
Main	C - Right	65	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 20, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/03/2023

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.dec.al.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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Imani Wilkey, Program Official

Date

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

	<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023**

**Corrected on 4/3/2023**

**.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the center to be free of debris and in good repair.**

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023**

**Corrected on 4/3/2023**

**.25(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed that there was no maintenance or construction work taking place in any area accessible to children.**

	<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the two of thirty-one emergency medical information record forms did not have the name and phone number of the child's doctor.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023**

**Recited on 4/3/2023**

**Correction Deadline: 3/21/2023**

**Corrected on 4/3/2023**

**.36(7)(c)3. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed completed checklists for school transportation routes provided by the center.**

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that center staff were not seated within arm's length of children during lunch in classroom B2R. One staff member walked behind the diapering counter and the other staff member was at the table serving additional food to the children. The second staff member left to assist another classroom and the remaining staff member walked briefly to the table and then walked to the counter by the refrigerator.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

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