



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 5/12/2023    **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up    **Arrival:** 11:10 AM    **Departure:** 5:30 PM

**CCLC-58057**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/12/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing
05/12/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
03/13/2023	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
II	A-GA- Pre-K 1	GA PreK	2	16	C	23	C	33	C	Nap
II	B- Gym/ Afterschool 5-12 yrs	Six Year Olds and Over	5	39	C	111	C	NA	NA	Snack,Centers
II	C- GA-Pre-K- 3	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	30	C	Nap
II	D- GA Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	35	C	Nap
II	E GA Pre-K - 6	GA PreK	1	18	C	27	C	38	C	Nap
II	F- GA Pre-K -5	GA PreK	2	17	C	24	C	34	C	Nap
II	G- GA Pre-K-7	GA PreK	2	17	C	22	C	31	C	Nap
II	H- GA Pre-K- 4	GA PreK	2	20	C	23	C	32	C	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 277

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 344

Total # Children this Date: 166

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
II	Playground E - 4- 12 yrs	135	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 13, 2013.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/12/2023

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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Chioma Akunwanne, Program Official

Date

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022**

**Corrected on 5/12/2023**

**.03(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed appropriate activities throughout the center.**

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Defer**

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591-1-1-.06(4)-The previous citation was deferred due to the center having a variance for the bathrooms under the previous owners.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023**

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

**Not Met**

**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 that had two inches of resilient surfacing around the blue and yellow climbing equipment on playground C.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 5/19/2023**

**Recited on 5/12/2023**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Not Met**

**Comment**

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit March 13, 2023.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on observation that staff member #11's background check was not ported. Staff #11 was observing in Room A, Building II. Staff member was observed to have a comprehensive satisfactory background check dated July 26, 2022.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 5/12/2023**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022**

**Corrected on 5/12/2023**

**.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed adequate supervision throughout the center.**