



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/1/2023 **VisitType:** TA Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:30 PM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-35960

Covered Bridge Montessori School

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/01/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing
05/24/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing
01/24/2023	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	Max 35 SF.	Max 25 SF.
Main	A left front		30	NA
Main	B left rear		30	NA
Main	C right front		30	NA
Main	D right rear		30	NA
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 120	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	
Total # Children this Date: 0		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 120	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Main	Playground	172

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct follow up technical assistance visit on this date. We attempted to order in class wallet; however, program will be seeking approval for a vendor to use on their fencing on the playground. TA consultant conducted a mock TA visit to ensure the compliance of health and safety. There were potential hazards that were discussed. The program's goals and action steps are in progress until the next visit date. The program scheduled the next follow up technical assistance visit on July 6, 2023.

Strength Based TA

Plan of Improvement:

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 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 for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Kelli Welsh, Program Official

Date

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						Facility
<p>Rule: 591-1-1-.26(4) - Fence or Approved Barriers. Playgrounds shall be protected from traffic or other hazards by a four (4) foot or higher secure fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area.</p>						
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Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	<p>The director/owner/assistant director will be replacing the fencing around the playground area and the barrier around the outdoor playground equipment.</p> <p>The program does have a quote from a vendor that is not approved. The program will get the approval for the vendor they want use for the fencing through classwallet.</p>	Director/Owner/Assistant	07/06/2023	In-Progress		The outdoor equipment will be ordered if funds allow it.
Materials Needed:						
Resources Provided:Classwallet						

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(6) - (6) Equipment. Playground equipment shall provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children.

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1	The director/owner/assistant director will be ordering outdoor playground equipment if classwallet funds does allow to place on the playground on the next visit date.	Director/Owner/assistant director	07/06/2023	In-Progress		The program will be ordering outdoor equipment if funds allow it.

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(8) - (8) Fall Zones and Surfacing. Climbing and swinging equipment shall 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.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: The director/owner/assistant director will ensure that the climbing and swinging equipment shall have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resilience.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The director/owner/assistant director will be ordering rubber mulch to replenish the resilient surfacing on the playground on the next visit date.	Director/Owner/Assistant director	07/06/2023	In-Progress		The program will be ordering the resilient surfacing if funds allow it.

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided: