



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 2/11/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 9:00 AM

**Departure:** 11:45 AM

**CCLC-2636**

**Oma's Learning Center and Daycare**

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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.
02/11/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/09/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/17/2021	Complaint Closure	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
bld2-rm H	Pre-K/ school age	Six Year Olds and Over	1	24	C	40	C	56	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	
Main	Room A - 2 1/2 yrs (right side of Bldg.)	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B - 3 yrs (right side Bldg.)	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	30	C	42	C	Circle Time
Main	Room C - 1 yrs (left side of building)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room D - Infants (left side of Bldg.)	Infants	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room E - 18 mth - 2 yrs (left side bldg)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room F - 2 year olds (left side of building)	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room G - 1 yrs (left side end of hallway)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							
Total # Children this Date: 76			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground	67	C

## Comments

The purpose of this visit was a Plan of Improvement Follow Up. All background checks were reviewed.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

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Jazmine Newsome, Program Official	Date
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Beth Houtz, Consultant	Date
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Kelly Wilson, Consultant	Date
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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

### Children's Records

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

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of records from the week of January 31, 2022, on the sign sign-in/out records of February 1, 2022, 63 children did not have a parent or guardian signature for the sign-out portion of the daily sign in/out sheet and 10 children did not have a parent or guardian signature for the sign-in portion of the daily sign/out sheet.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2022

Recited on 2/11/2022

### Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2021

Corrected on 2/11/2022

.18(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected. The food in the pantry was stored on the shelves and not on the floor.

### Health and Hygiene

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/15/2021****Corrected on 2/11/2022****.17(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Children were observed to wash their hands throughout the program.****Correction Deadline: 3/15/2021****Corrected on 2/11/2022****.17(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The staff was observed to wash their hands throughout the program.****Safety**

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/15/2021****Corrected on 2/11/2022****.11(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected. The discipline procedures were observed to be appropriate.****Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 12/14/2021****Corrected on 2/11/2022****.30(1)(b)1 - This citation was observed to be corrected. New mats were observed in the classrooms and additional mats were purchased during the visit.****Correction Deadline: 12/9/2021****Corrected on 2/11/2022****.30(1)(d) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Safe sleep requirements were observed to be met.****Correction Deadline: 12/9/2021****Corrected on 2/11/2022****.30(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Safe sleep requirements were observed to be followed.****Correction Deadline: 12/9/2021****Corrected on 2/11/2022****.30(2)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Safe sleep requirements were observed to be followed.****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0****Staff # 1****Met****Staff # 2****Met****Date of Hire: 02/16/2021**

**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2002	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/07/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 06/05/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/08/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 05/16/2002	
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 04/11/2019	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2020	
Staff # 17	Met

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Correction Deadline: 12/9/2021****Corrected on 2/11/2022****.09(1)(j) - This citation was observed to be corrected. All staff were observed to have a satisfactory background check.**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Defer**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)-This citation is deferred until the next license study when 2021 annual training will be reviewed. 2020 annual training was reviewed on December 9, 2021.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 12/17/2021**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/17/2021**

**Corrected on 2/11/2022**

.31(2)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected. One staff member had obtained their credentials. One staff member is no longer employed. One staff member is currently enrolled in a credential program.