



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

**Date:** 7/20/2022    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 12:50 PM    **Departure:** 2:50 PM

**CCLC-3177**

**Grandma's Finest Learning Center**

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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.
07/20/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/11/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
01/11/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	

  

<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.

**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	Room 1	One Year Olds	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 10	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap, Homework
Main	Room 11	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 2	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 3	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 4		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room 5	One Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room 6	Infants	2	2	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	Room 7	Infants	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 8	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 9	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166      Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 102    Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166      Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large	82	C
Main	New Building	4	C
Main	Small	12	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on July 26, 2022 . Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/20/2022

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



**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!**

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)

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Kyle Dawkins, Program Official

Date

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Roslyn Williams, Consultant

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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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/4/2022**

**Corrected on 7/20/2022**

**.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected. It was determined based on review of records that Center Staff maintained a complete for five of five records reviewed.**

**Facility****591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 1/11/2022****Corrected on 7/20/2022****.25(3) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the light in the bathroom had been repaired.****591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/13/2022****Corrected on 7/20/2022****.29(2) - The previous citation was corrected. The Director or designated person-in-charge reported any cases or suspected cases of notifiable communicable diseases (COVID-19, Tuberculosis, Measles, etc.) or any viruses or illnesses identified during a public health emergency, immediately to the Department and to the local County Health Department as required by the rules of the Georgia Department of Public Health, Rule 511-2-1, Notification of Disease.****Safety****591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Correction Deadline: 1/11/2022****Corrected on 7/20/2022****.30(2) - The previous citation was corrected. Th consultant did not observe any items attached to a crib with a sleeping infant.****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 24****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2006	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2007	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 12/07/2009	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/16/2005	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Not Met

**Records Reviewed: 24**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 06/01/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 03/06/2006

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2020

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 06/12/2019

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 06/21/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that staff person #14 who worked in room 6/infants, did not submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. A one day letter was left.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. 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 to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that staff person #14 who was worked in room 6/infants did not have a current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center. A one day letter was left.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.