



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

**Date:** 12/22/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:30 AM

**Departure:** 12:05 PM

**CCLC-46843**

**Footprints to Scholars 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.
12/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/24/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/29/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	A/1L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	NC	12	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	B/2L		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C - 2L - Right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C/L Mid	Six Year Olds and Over	1	2	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D/R Mid		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E/3R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F/2R		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G/1R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 13			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A/Front	10	C
Main	PG B/Middle	22	C
Main	PG C/Back	111	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/22/2022

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.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 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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) 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)

Marie Louine, Program Official

Date

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**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that cleaning products were on the diaper changing table and accessible to children in Room A. It was further determined that a bottle of hand sanitizer was near the sink and accessible to children in room C/L Mid.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 12/22/2022**

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Discussed routine equipment maintenance.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Routine fence maintenance was discussed with the Director.

**Correction Deadline: 12/22/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment 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. It was determined based on observation that the left pedal was missing from one of the tricycles on the 4-wheel toy.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 1/1/2023**

**Health and Hygiene**

**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that a child's sippy cup was on the changing table in Room A.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will be trained, specified areas will be available for food preparation and placement of food-related items, and the director will monitor.

**Correction Deadline: 12/22/2022**

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) Met**

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 12/05/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 06/13/2022

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2014

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 11/28/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2016

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/11/2022

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2014

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2021

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/26/2022**

Corrected on 12/22/2022

.33(3) - The previous citation was corrected. It was determined based on review of records that the Center had evidence of Health and Safety Orientation on file for Staff.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022

Corrected on 12/22/2022

.33(5) - The previous citation was corrected. It was determined based on review of records that the Center had evidence of annual training on file for Staff.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that children under three-years-old were housed with older children in room A.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 12/22/2022

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

Met

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.