



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 10/10/2019 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 10:35 AM

**Departure:** 11:35 AM

**CCLC-2282**

**The Starting Point Day Care**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
10/10/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
09/13/2019	Licensing Study	Support
02/11/2019	Monitoring Visit	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	
Main	Back		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA		
Main	end left	Three Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	TV,Story	
Main	Middle front	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	Story,TV	
Main	middle rear infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	Right toddler	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			46			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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**Comments**

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/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), 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)



**Important New Deadlines:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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)

Linda Smart, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, 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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2019

Corrected on 10/10/2019

.08(6) The previous citation has been corrected, all children were observed to be signed in on this date.

### Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2019

Corrected on 10/10/2019

.26(7) The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The slide was observed to be properly anchored.

### Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2019

Corrected on 10/10/2019

.21(1)(p) The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The center has updated the emergency preparedness plans.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2019

Corrected on 10/10/2019

.21(3) - Observed documentation of drills.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2019**

**Corrected on 10/10/2019**

**.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation has been corrected. Transportation training was complete for the required staff.**

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/13/2019**

**Corrected on 10/10/2019**

**.14(1) - The previous citation has been corrected.**

**Correction Deadline: 9/13/2019**

**Corrected on 10/10/2019**

**.14(1)(a) - The previous citation has been corrected.**

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

**Defer**

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591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2.-The staff has submitted payment to complete the credential requirement. The staff is awaiting observation for a CDA. This rule will be evaluated during the next visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The teachers have completed the required class work hours. The staff is awaiting the final observation and have to take the test to obtain the CDA credential.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019**