



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/14/2020 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-37954**

**Next Generation 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.  <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.
10/14/2020	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/05/2020	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/19/2020	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Single	A/1L	Infants	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Single	B/2L	One Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Single	C/3L/PreK 1	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	27	C	Free Play
Single	D/1R	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Single	E/2R	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Single	F/3R/Pre-K 2	PreK	2	21	C	25	C	36	C	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134

Total # Children this Date: 89

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	PG/A Left	27	C
Single	PG/B Middle	69	C
Single	PG/C Right	76	C

**Comments**

10/14/2020: The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up on previous visit. The director stated that the center is following the executive order checklist.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/14/2020

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

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.

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#### 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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov).

- 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.al.ga.gov/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.

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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.al.ga.gov/>  
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.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Lisa Rickerson, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

	<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/18/2019**

**Corrected on 10/14/2020**

**.25(13) - Previous citation was corrected on this date in that there were no plastic bags observed on this date. There were also locks on all the cabinet doors.**

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

**Not Met**

**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 3 of 18 swing chains on Playground B and 24 of 24 swing chains on Playground C were observed to be rusted on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will replace the rusted swing chains on Playground B and the rusted swing chains on Playground C.

**Correction Deadline: 10/30/2020**

**Recited on 10/14/2020**

	<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/5/2020**

**Corrected on 10/14/2020**

**.11(1) - Previous citation was corrected on this date.**