



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/8/2023 **VisitType:** TA Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:40 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/08/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing
11/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/19/2022	Complaint Closure	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	Max 35 SF.	Max 25 SF.
Bldg II	A 1L	Four Year Olds	17	23
Bldg II	B 1R		15	21
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 144	
Building III	Main		17	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 144	
Building @35 capacity limited by Zoning				
Main	A-Front Rm.	One Year Olds	15	NA
Main	B- PreK Left Room	Four Year Olds	23	NA
Main	C- Right Room	Two Year Olds	7	NA
Main	D- 3	Three Year Olds	20	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 144	
Main-Downstairs	Rm. E- 1's-2's	Infants	12	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 144	
Total # Children this Date: 71			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 144	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Main	Playground	178

Comments

The TA Consultant conducted the 2nd Health and Safety visit on this date.

Strength Based TA

Plan of Improvement:

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.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.

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 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)



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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Jeanne Beals, Program Official

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La Tonya Bonner, Consultant

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						Facility
<p>Rule: 591-1-1-.25(13) - (13) Indoor Storage Areas. Potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies shall be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. Examples of items to be stored include non-food related products under pressure in aerosol dispensing cans, flammable and corrosive materials, cleaning supplies, poisons, insecticides, office supplies and industrial-sized or commercial buckets with a capacity of three gallons or more or any other similar device with rigid sides which would not tip over if a toddler fell into the container head first.</p>						
<p>S.M.A.R.T Goal: The center director/owner will ensure that ample storage is secured for brooms, dust pans, staff purses etc.</p>						
Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The center director/ owner will secure storage for brooms, dust pans, cleaning products and staff belongings.	Director/ Owner	07/31/2023	In-Progress		
Materials Needed:						
Resources Provided:						

Rule: 591-1-1-.25(3) - (3) Cleanliness. The Center and surrounding premises shall be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: The center director will put a plan in place to correct flooring concerns in different areas of the center.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	The owner/directer will put a plan in place to correct flooring issues at the center.	Owner/Director	07/28/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(8) - (8) Fall Zones and Surfacing. Climbing and swinging equipment shall have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency.

S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that the play area for the infants is smooth and tight fitting.

Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	To ensure the surface is smooth and tight fitting on the infant playground.	Center director/ Owner	07/31/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided: