



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/25/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:15 AM

**CCLC-3197**

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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.
05/25/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/23/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/21/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	1st Left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning, Snack, Centers
Main	1st Right	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers, Clean Up, Transitioning, Outside
Main	2nd Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning, Outside, Floor Play
Main	2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside, Clean Up, Centers
Main	E - Assembly Room		0	0	C	57	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 36			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	5	C
Main	Playground - One	116	C

### Comments

An in person Monitoring Visit was conducted on this day. The center director stated no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided. There is a total of 13 staff with 3 being new hires since the consultant's last visit.

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.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](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)



#### 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.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Pam Hitchner, Program Official

Date

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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)**

**Not Met**

**Comment**

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities through out the center.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that a grey and red bookshelf located in the one-year-old classroom were chipping paint, and a green bookshelf located in the three and four-year-old classroom was chipping paint and accessible to the children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

**Correction Deadline: 6/5/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/5/2022**

**Corrected on 5/25/2023**

**.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.**

**Facility**

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

591-1-1-.25(13) - The center director will ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children (toilet plunger beside the second potty in the girls bathroom, accessible to the children).

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

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**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 the following hazards were present:

Front Playground:

- Two of two blue tricycles is missing four of four petals.
- The grey three wheel tricycle is rusting and chipping paint.
- The brown plastic rocky horse is missing the handle bars.
- One orange Little Tykes motorcycle is missing the handle bar.

**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: 6/5/2023****Recited on 5/25/2023****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to 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. It was determined based on observation and measurements that three of three toddler bucket seats with the safety chain and bar has no resilient surface where six inches are required. Additionally, the black and red merry-go-round has two inches of resilient surface where six inches are required. Additionally, four regular child swings has two inches of resilient surface where six inches are required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 6/4/2023**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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**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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**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.

**Staff Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 3 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**Correction Deadline: 12/5/2022**

**Corrected on 5/25/2023**

**.33(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.**

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2022

Corrected on 5/25/2023

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2022

Corrected on 5/25/2023

.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.