



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

**Date:** 5/20/2022    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 11:40 AM    **Departure:** 12:40 PM

**CCLC-55125**

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**Quality Rated:**

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
05/20/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
05/12/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
04/14/2022	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	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A (Four Year Old)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	14	C	26	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B (Three Year Old)	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	29	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	C (One Year Old)	One Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D (Infants)	Infants	2	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Main	E (Toddler 2)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F (Toddler 1)	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 68			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	25	C
Main	Playground B	33	C

**Comments**

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)

Charles Tucker, Program Official

Date

Jerica Davis, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

#### Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2022

.12(4) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. The two tall grey plastic storage cabinets were observed to have been secured.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2022

.25(13) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. No hazards were observed on this date.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.15(1) requires that meals and snacks are served, with serving sizes dependent upon the age of the child, that meet nutritional guidelines as established by the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals and snacks shall be varied daily, and additional servings of nutritious food shall be offered to children over and above the required daily minimum, if not contraindicated by special diets. It was determined based on observation and staff interviews that a grain component was not served with lunch on this date as required. The consultant observed lunch in classrooms A and B and did not observe a grain component being served. The consultant interviewed staff members in classrooms C, E, and F and all staff stated that no grain component was served during the lunch meal on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center Staff will prepare menus and/or serve foods that meet the USDA guidelines and will offer and serve seconds to children.

**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2022**

**Recited on 5/10/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer’s instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children’s choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child’s age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. It was determined based on observation that grapes cut in half were observed to be served for lunch to children under four years of age and posed a potential choking hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor food served and accessible to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

**Recited on 5/10/2022**

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/19/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2022**

.11(2) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. Appropriate discipline was observed on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2022**

.30(2) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. No safe sleep violations were observed.

**Staff Records**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/12/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2022**

.33(2) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. All center policies and procedures were observed to be followed on this date.

**Staffing and Supervision**

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2022

.32(4) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. Two-year-old children were observed to be housed in a separate physical area from the three-year-old children.