



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 6/2/2023    **VisitType:** TA Follow Up    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-2282**

**Technical Assistance Unit  
Consultant**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
06/02/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing
03/27/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/22/2022	Licensing Study	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.
Main	Back		9	NA
Main	end left		12	NA
Main	Middle front		5	NA
Main	middle rear infant		5	NA
Main	Right toddler		15	NA
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 46	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	
Total # Children this Date: 0		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 46	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Main	Playground	46

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to work on some goals for the health and safety grant, this is the second visit.

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

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Linda Smart, Program Official

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Date

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Mary Jerrell, Consultant

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<b>Facility</b>						
<p><b>Rule: 591-1-1-.26(6) - (6) Equipment. Playground equipment shall 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.</b></p>						
<p><b>S.M.A.R.T Goal: To ensure that the playground has a variety of new equipment for the children to play on.</b></p>						
<b>Step Number</b>	<b>Action Step</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
1	The director is interested in removing some of the old equipment and repairing the fence around the playground. She will add some playground equipment that she is able to put in her class wallet cart to be viewed on our next visit. She is also in the process of replacing some fencing.	Director	06/14/2023	Developed		
Materials Needed:						
Resources Provided:						