



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 6/28/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 12:15 PM    **Departure:** 3:15 PM

**CCLC-57045**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
06/28/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support
03/06/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/12/2022	Monitoring Visit	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: Infant		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main	B: One Year Old	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C: Two Year Old		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: 3/4 & After School	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	22	C	28	C	39	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 58					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 69					
Total # Children this Date: 34			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 58			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 69				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Back Playground	55	C
Main	B: Front Playground	9	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to complete a CI Follow Up visit. All previous citations were reviewed. The visit was completed on June 29, 2023 due to VPN issues.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 07/13/2023

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.

#### 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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Amy Self, Program Official

Date

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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-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**

.03(2) - The program did not have a current lesson plan available for review on this date for any classroom as required.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**

.12(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Classroom shelves were observed to be clean on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**

.12(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. Chairs were not observed stacked on this date.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(6) requires Center Staff to equip bathrooms with soap, toilet tissue and single-use towels or cloth towels used only once between launderings. It was determined based on observation that single-use paper towels were not available for children's use on this date.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/30/2023**

**Recited on 6/28/2023**  
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**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**  
**.06(7) - This citation was corrected on this date.**

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**  
**.25(13) - This citation was corrected on this date. No hazards were observed accessible.**

**Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**  
**.25(3) - This citation was corrected. The center was observed to be kept clean, free of debris, and in good repair on this date.**

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**  
**.25(7) - This citation was corrected on this date. All closets were locked on this date.**

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**  
**.25(8) - This citation was corrected on this date. All classrooms in use had protective caps over all the electrical outlets.**

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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 there was a three-inch by three-inch hole in the middle of the blue slide that presented a hazard to the children in care. Additionally, the red metal car on the playground was missing one steering wheel and the other steering wheel was very loose and moving back and forward presenting a potential pinching hazard to the children in care.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023**

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**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**  
.26(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. No hazards were observed on this playground on this date.

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<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Not Met**

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**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**  
.15(1) - This citation was corrected on this date based on a review of records.

**Finding**  
591-1-1-.15(2)(g) requires that Center Personnel ensure that children do not have excessive amounts of food in their mouths while eating and are chewing their food appropriately to prevent instances of choking. Children shall always be seated when eating and shall not be allowed to lie down or be put to sleep while food is present in their mouths. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old child was sleeping on a rest mat and had a bottle in their mouth and was not sitting up with the bottle as required.  
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**Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023

Corrected on 6/28/2023

.07(5) - This citation was corrected on this date. No neck hazards were observed in the infant classroom.

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that there were two cups in the diapering sink and was not separate as required. Additionally, the Director and center staff stated that the diapering sink was used for food prep and food was not prepared in a separate area as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023

Corrected on 6/28/2023

.20(4) - This citation was corrected. Medication was stored locked away from children on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

Corrected on 6/28/2023

.21(3) - Complete Emergency Drill Logs were reviewed on this date. This citation was corrected.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023**

**Corrected on 6/28/2023**

**.30(1)(a)2 - This citation was corrected on this date. All crib mattresses were observed to be at least two inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material as required.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that one infant was observed sleeping with a cup of water in the crib on this date.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that an infant was observed sleeping in a bouncy seat for approximately ten minutes until the staff member was asked to move the infant to a safety-approved crib.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023**

**Staff Records**

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023

Corrected on 6/28/2023

.14(2) - This citation was corrected. All staff had evidence of certification in CPR and First Aid as required.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.24(1) requires the center to maintain a personnel file on the Director, all Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance, and other Support Staff for the duration of the term of employment plus one calendar year, and it shall contain the following: identifying information to include: name, date of birth, social security number, current address and current telephone number; employment history; as applicable to the position held: evidence of education and qualifying work experience; evidence of all training required by these rules which shall include: title of training, date of training, trainer's signature, location of training and number of clock hours obtained; a statement completed by the staff member that the information provided is true and accurate; any other records required by these rules; and as applicable to the position held, evidence of required orientation including date and signature of person providing the orientation; It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #4 did not have evidence of completing an initial orientation prior to beginning to work in the classrooms at the center as required.

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Correction Deadline: 6/30/2023

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**Staffing and Supervision**

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Not Met

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Correction Deadline: 3/6/2023

Corrected on 6/28/2023

.32(2) - This citation was corrected. Correct ratios were observed on this date.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that two school aged children were housed in Classroom B with two infants, 4 one-year-old children, and 4 two-year-old children and not housed in a separate licensed space as required.

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