



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/12/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/12/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
06/14/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/08/2023	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	Room A	Infants	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Diapering
Main	Room B		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	Room D	One Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	18	C	28	C	NA	NA	Story, Floor Play
Main	Room E	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Snack, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 53			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	72	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation and to follow-up on previously cited rule violations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/12/2023

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.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Gabriella Jackson, Program Official

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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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2023

Corrected on 7/12/2023

.12(2) - No hazardous items were observed in the classrooms that were harmful to children.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the television in the school age classroom was not secured or anchored. The television was observed to be placed on a shelf unit that was also not anchored and posed a hazard for being pulled over as it was not of a weight and mass that made it stable. Additionally, in Classroom D, a row of cubbies and shelves had been placed in the center of the room to create two separate spaces; the front area being used for the care of one-year-old children and the rear area being used for three-year-old children. The cubbies and shelves used as dividers were not anchored and were observed to pose a tipping hazard as they were also not of the weight and mass to prevent being tipped over from pulling or climbing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that all shelves and units in all classrooms that are used for storing toys, books or used as dividers will be secured to prevent any tipping or falling over from possible climbing, pulling or other forces that could cause injury to the children.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2023

Recited on 7/12/2023

Facility

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the fencing separating the two playground areas had seventeen bolts that protruded beyond two threads that caused a protrusion hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2023**Recited on 7/12/2023**

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/14/2023****Corrected on 7/12/2023**

.07(5) - No hazards were observed to be attached to the clothing of any child or placed around their necks.

Safety

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/14/2023****Corrected on 7/12/2023**

.13(7) - Director stated that they have had one field trip in the month of June. The name tags used for children on field trips was observed during visit and the director stated that they are now using name tags when the center provides field trips.

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

591-1-1-.36(4)(b)-Director states that an appointment has been made for July 17, 2024, with a local dealer to have the seats repaired. This rule violation will be reviewed during the next visit,

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.