



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/14/2023    **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up    **Arrival:** 4:45 PM    **Departure:** 6:20 PM

**CCLC-57045**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
07/14/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/10/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/28/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	

**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		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	C: Two Year Old		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: 3/4 & After School	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	15	C	28	C	39	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			58			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 69				
Total # Children this Date: 15			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 investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

07-14-2023: The purpose of the visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up on the previous visit.

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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Amy Self, Program Official

Date

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

	<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

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

**Corrected on 7/14/2023**

**.06(6) - The previous citation has been observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed center staff to provide all required supplies accessible to the children on this date.**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined, based on observation, that in Classrooms B the ceiling was leaking causing water to accumulate on the floor.

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

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(4) requires the Center to maintain the temperature in the range of 65 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit and to ventilate the Center be ventilated either by mechanical or natural means for the purpose of providing fresh air and controlling unpleasant odors. Facilities which do not have a functioning central heating and air conditioning system shall make fifty percent (50%) of all required windows operable for ventilation. Any openings used for ventilation shall be screened. It was determined based on statements provided by the director the center did not have a functioning air condition system on the left side of the building.

**Correction Deadline: 7/14/2023**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**

**Defer**

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591-1-1-.26(6)-The previous citation was deferred due to the provider having until July 21, 2023 to ensure that the playground equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

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

**Food Service**

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

**Defer**

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591-1-1-.15(2)(g)-The previous citation was deferred due to the center not having children in the classroom on this date.

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

**Defer**

591-1-1-.15(6)(b)-The previous citation was deferred due to the consultant not able to observe the process on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2023**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

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

**Corrected on 7/14/2023**

**.10(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to adequate food preparation and placement for food related items on this date.**

**Organization**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined that the program was housing diapering children and a non-diapering classroom and had not submitted an amendment to the Department requesting an amendment approving the classroom for diapering children.

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2023

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Defer

**Defer**

591-1-1-.30(2)-The previous citation was deferred due to the consultant not able to observe the process on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023

**Defer**

591-1-1-.30(2)(c)-The previous citation was deferred due to the consultant not able to observe the process on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2023

**Staff Records**

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2023

Corrected on 7/14/2023

.24(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have complete documentation on file on this date.

**Staffing and Supervision**

**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 eight school aged children were housed in Classroom D with one infant, 2 one-year-old children, 2 two-year-old children, 2 three-year-old children and 1 five-year-old child, 2 six-year-old children, 4 seven-year-old children, 1 eight-year-old child and not housed in a separate licensed space as required. Additionally, center staff stated that the children were housed together the entire day due to air conditioner outage.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/14/2023**

**Recited on 7/14/2023**