



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/3/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

CCLC-16951

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
04/03/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/15/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/13/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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 1	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room 10	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 11		0	0	C	17	C	23	C	
Main	Room 2		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 3	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	12	C	18	C	25	C	Transitioning
Main	Room 4	One Year Olds	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 5		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 6		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 7	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	20	C	Circle Time
Main	Room 8		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	
Main	Room 9	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 215					
Total # Children this Date: 50			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 215				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1 (toddlers)	50	C


Main	Playground 2 (preschool)	72	C
Main	Playground 3 (school age)	41	C
Main	Playground 4 (infants)	17	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/03/2023

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.state.ga.us/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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed securing wooden shelves throughout so they do not pose a tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2023

Facility

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2023

Corrected on 4/3/2023

.26(6) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation the following items were in need of repair or inaccessible to children in care:

wooden barriers around the back right playground and middle swing area were rotten

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2023

Recited on 4/3/2023

Food Service

Technical Assistance

Infant feeding plans requirements were discussed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/3/2023

	Safety
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591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 4/3/2023

.36(4)(a) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 4/3/2023

.36(4)(c) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(8) restricts a child's travel time to forty-five minutes on each trip between the Center and destination unless accompanied by the Parent and excluding field trips. It was determined based on a review of records that the week of March 27, 2023 riders from Bethlehem Elementary were on the center bus for over 45 minutes.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the travel time is no more than forty-five minutes on each trip.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023