



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/2/2023    **VisitType:** POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:45 AM

**CCLC-50217**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/02/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
03/16/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
02/08/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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: 1R: Infants	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B: 2R: older two's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C: 3R: two's		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: 4R : three's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E: 5R : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F: 6R: Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G: 6L : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H: 5L: Four's	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	I: 4L: three's	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	J: 3L: two's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	K: 2L: one's	One Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 127			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd A - Right Front - 6wks- 12mths	19	C
Main	Plgd B- RM- 3 years	89	C


Main	Plgd C- Back - 4 and up	177	C
Main	Plgd D- Left Back - 2's	27	C
Main	Plgd E- Left Front - 1's	16	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/02/2023

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

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Kim Barger, Program Official

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Facility
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**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 the following items were in need of repair:

-Room A (1R) and Room B (2R) did not have warm water

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023**

**Recited on 5/2/2023**

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

**Not Met**

**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 that the following items were observed on center playgrounds

Concrete sidewalks were not flush on left and right playgrounds that had approximately a six n gap in areas that posed a tripping hazard.

**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: 5/9/2023**

**Recited on 5/2/2023**

**Safety****591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023****Corrected on 5/2/2023****.11(2) - Citation corrected. Discussion and redirection observed on this date.****591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/11/2023****Corrected on 5/2/2023****.36(4)(a) - Citation observed to be corrected.****Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023****Corrected on 5/2/2023****.30(1)(d) - Citation observed to be corrected.****Staff Records****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/20/2023****Corrected on 5/2/2023****.31(2)(c) - Citation corrected.****Staffing and Supervision****591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 4/18/2023****Corrected on 5/2/2023****.32(7) - Citation corrected.**