



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/6/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:30 AM  
 Follow Up

**CCLC-37954**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/06/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
08/30/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/29/2022	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
Single	A/1L	Infants	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Single	B/2L	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Single	C/3L/PreK 1		0	0	C	20	C	27	C	
Single	D/1R	One Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Single	E/2R	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Music
Single	F/3R/Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	22	C	25	C	36	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				
Total # Children this Date: 79			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	PG/A Left	27	C
Single	PG/B Middle	69	C
Single	PG/C Right	76	C

**Comments**

A complaint/incident investigation was conducted on February 6, 2023. Investigative findings were concluded on February 9, 2023. The Consultant completed the exit conference virtually and a copy of the visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on February 9, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

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#### 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.

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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!**

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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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022

Corrected on 2/7/2023

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected in that all equipment and furniture were free from hazardous conditions as required.

**Facility**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2022

Corrected on 2/7/2023

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected in that potentially hazardous supplies were not accessible to children on this date.

**Food Service**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Corrected on 2/7/2023

.15(4) - Previous citation corrected in that one infant was observed to be secured in a high chair while feeding on this date.

**Health and Hygiene**

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Corrected on 2/7/2023

.17(7) - Previous citation corrected in that the consultant observed a child wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after diapering as required.