



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 4/11/2022 **VisitType:** Follow-Up

**Arrival:** 3:00 PM

**Departure:** 4:15 PM

**CCLC-16542**

**Treehouse Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<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.
04/11/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/21/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/04/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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-First Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	23	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B-Second Lft	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Centers
Main	C-First Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-Back Middle		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-Right 1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	F-BR Prek2	Three Year Olds	2	29	C	22	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G- Prek3		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 79			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	2's	93	C
Main	Infant Playground	7	C
Main	Middle Playground	97	C
Main	School Age	109	C
Main	Toddlers Playground	11	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.

A virtual visit was conducted on this date.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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



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

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)

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Penny Holt, Program Official

Date

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Beverly Pollard, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 21**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 01/04/2016

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 03/28/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90  
calendar days of hired

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/03/2022

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 11/10/2020

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2006

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 10/18/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 01/19/2016

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2006

**Records Reviewed: 21**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/06/2006	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/25/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 09/01/2006	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 05/26/2020	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 03/14/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 02/03/2015	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 03/14/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 09/07/2018	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/23/2019	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 09/06/2006	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 10/02/2017	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided eight file(s) for employees hired since last visit or who were missing from the Department's staff list.

