



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 10/25/2022 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 10:40 AM

**Departure:** 12:20 PM

**CCLC-39691**

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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.  <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.
10/25/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/07/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Support	
09/07/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

**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 A - 1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	13	NC	18	C	26	C	Outside	
Main	Room B - Middle R	Infants	1	5	C	5	C	7	C	Floor Play	
Main	Room C - Rear L		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA		
Main	Room D - 1L		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					37	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					47
Total # Children this Date: 18			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			37	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				47

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	65	C

**Comments**

October 25, 2022--The findings were discussed with the Director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/25/2022

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)

Michele Hutchinson, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Consultant

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-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022**

**Corrected on 10/25/2022**

A lesson plan for three and four-year old children was observed on this date. The lesson plan was related to farming.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2022**

**Corrected on 10/25/2022**

All corrections were observed on this date.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022**

**Corrected on 10/25/2022**

A tornado drill was recorded. The Consultant reminded the Director that two tornado drills were required annually and should be conducted every six months.

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022**

**Corrected on 10/25/2022**

The correction was made. The Consultant spoke with the Director on the date of the last visit and the requirements were discussed.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022**

**Corrected on 10/25/2022**

The correction was observed on this date.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that there were 10 two-year-old children and three three-year-old children to one staff member present on the playground and another staff member was required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Director corrected the ratio today by remaining in the classroom. Lunch was delivered. Another staff member was scheduled to arrive at 1:00 p.m. for breaks.

**Correction Deadline: 10/25/2022**

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022**

**Corrected on 10/25/2022**

All children were observed to be supervised on this date.