



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

**Date:** 3/2/2022      **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up      **Arrival:** 9:50 AM      **Departure:** 2:05 PM

**CCLC-25589**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                   |               |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 03/02/2022                         | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | Good Standing |
| 09/20/2021                         | LS POI Follow Up                  | Good Standing |
| 09/01/2021                         | 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          |
|----------|---------------------|---|-------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| Main     | A-Infants-1st Rt    | Infants                                   | 2     | 10       | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Nap |
| Main     | B- 2nd Rt-Infants   |   | 0     | 0        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           |                |
| Main     | C- 3rd Rt- 1 y/o    | One Year Olds                             | 1     | 5        | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play     |
| Main     | D- 4th Rt- 1 y/o    | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds           | 2     | 12       | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time    |
| Main     | E-5th Rt- 2 y/o     | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds           | 2     | 16       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Art |
| Main     | F-6th Right-2 y/o   | Two Year Olds                             | 2     | 16       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play      |
| Main     | G-1st Left- 3 y/o   | Three Year Olds                           | 2     | 20       | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers        |
| Main     | H- 2nd Lft- 3 y/o   | Two Year Olds                             | 2     | 20       | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Art            |
| Main     | I- 3rd Lft-4 y/o    | Four Year Olds                            | 2     | 15       | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers        |
| Main     | J-Back Hall-4 y/o   | Four Year Olds                            | 2     | 17       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Art            |
| Main     | K-Back Hall-5 y/o   | Five Year Olds                            | 1     | 15       | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers        |
| Main     | L-Back Hall-6y/o    | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1     | 15       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers        |
| Main     | M-Back Hall-End-7+  | Six Year Olds and Over                    | 1     | 10       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Homework       |
| Main     | N-Cafeteria-5-12y/o |   | 0     | 0        | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           |                |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 171

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| Building | Playground                    | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A: Infant - 2 year playground | 55                   | C                     |
| Main     | B: 3-4 Year Old Playground    | 23                   | C                     |
| Main     | Back Playground               | 48                   | C                     |
| Main     | C: School Age Playground      | 47                   | C                     |
| Main     | Front Paved Playground        | 7                    | C                     |
| Main     | Left Playground               | 19                   | C                     |
| Main     | Right Playground              | 44                   | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct follow-up from the previous visit that was conducted on September 20, 2021 and to conduct a complaint investigation. The provider verified that the staff list for the center was accurate and background checks were verified for staff that were indicated on this report.

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.

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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)

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Donna Brown, Program Official

Date

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Sherri Thompson, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on the consultant's observation in the infant (A) classroom that an infant was observed sleeping on their stomach on a positioning type of pillow. The pillow was on the floor and a staff member was directly next to the infant.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment. The infant was immediately placed in their crib and the pillow was removed from the classroom.

**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022**