



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/8/2023 **VisitType:** TA Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:40 AM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/08/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing
04/14/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
03/06/2023	Licensing Study	Support

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	Max 35 SF.	Max 25 SF.
Main	A-1		11	NA
Main	A-2		11	NA
Main	B-3		10	NA
Main	C-4		11	NA
Main	D- Cafe		27	NA
Main	E-5		12	NA
Main	F-6		14	NA
Main	G-7		25	NA
Main	H-8		22	NA
Main	I-9		24	NA

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 0 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 167 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy
Main	A- Right	52
Main	B- Left	80
Main	C- Rear	38

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct an action planning technical assistance visit on this date. The program reviewed and discussed the recent visit and history grid. The program set goals and action steps. The program scheduled the next follow up technical assistance visit on June 20, 2023.

Strength Based TA

Plan of Improvement:

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 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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Harriet Douglas, Program Official

Date

Kristy Turner, Consultant

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Facility						
<p>Rule: 591-1-1-.26(4) - Fence or Approved Barriers. Playgrounds shall be protected from traffic or other hazards by a four (4) foot or higher secure fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area.</p>						
<p>S.M.A.R.T Goal: The director and support admin staff will ensure playgrounds shall be protected from traffic or other hazards by a four (4) foot or higher secure fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area.</p>						
Step Number	Action Step	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Completion Date	Action Taken
1	<p>The director and support admin staff have fixed the gaps in the fencing area.</p> <p>The director and support admin staff will be getting someone to cut down the vegetation growing through the fencing on the preschool playground.</p>	Director/Support Admin Staff	06/20/2023	In-Progress		
Materials Needed:						
Resources Provided:						

Rule: 591-1-1-.26(8) - (8) Fall Zones and Surfacing. Climbing and swinging equipment shall have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency.

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1	The director and support admin staff have ordered resilient surfacing to be replenished throughout all fall zones on preschool playground.	Director/Support Admin Staff	06/20/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided:

Staffing and Supervision

Rule: 591-1-1-.32(7) - (7) Supervision. Children shall be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

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1	The director and support admin staff will be checking ratios throughout the centers every two hours and reminding staff to keep cell phones always put up.	Director/Support Admin Staff	06/20/2023	In-Progress		

Materials Needed:

Resources Provided: