



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/8/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-25013**

**Discovery Point #9**

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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.
08/08/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/14/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/14/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	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	1L	Infants	3	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	1R	Two Year Olds	4	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2L	Infants and One Year Olds	3	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Diapering
Main	2R	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	24	C	34	C	Centers
Main	3L	One Year Olds	3	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	3R	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	26	C	37	C	Centers
Main	4R	GA PreK	2	22	C	29	C	40	C	Centers
Main	Back Middle	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	36	C	50	C	Circle Time
Main	Pre-K	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	45	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 236

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 236

Total # Children this Date: 119

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Left Front	27	C
Main	B-Left Rear	97	C
Main	C-Right Side	88	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up on previous rule violations.

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.

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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 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**





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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(2) - Discussed with Director to monitor and repair or replace the wooden dollhouse in classroom middle front - three-year-olds ; where it is becoming loose and is not stable.

**Correction Deadline: 8/8/2023**

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Discussed with Director and Staff to ensure all cabinets containing purses, cleaning products or other hazards remain locked to ensure hazards do not become accessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 8/8/2023**

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023**

**Corrected on 8/8/2023**

**.25(3) - Correction in the previous citation in that the bathroom vents were observed to be secured to the ceiling - please continue to monitor the vent in the back middle three-year-old classroom to ensure it remains secured to the ceiling.**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Discussed with Director to monitor the bathroom door trim in classroom 3R where rust is beginning to develop and repaint or repair as needed.

Also discussed, please monitor the bathroom vents in all classrooms for dust accumulation and clean as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 8/8/2023**

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 2/24/2023**

**Corrected on 8/8/2023**

**.26(6) - Correction of the previous citation in that chipping paint was not observed to be present on the playground equipment and the yellow chain covers have been removed. Please continue to monitor the equipment for peeling or chipping paint and repaint or replace, as needed.**

**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023**

**Corrected on 8/8/2023**

**.20(1) - Correction of the previous citation in that documentation of medication dispensed was observed to be complete.**

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023**

**Corrected on 8/8/2023**

**.30(1)(a)2 - Correction of the previous citation in that the crib mattresses were all observed to be in good repair on this date.**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Discussed with Director and staff to monitor the mats for rips and tears and replace as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 8/8/2023**

**Staff Records**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. The consultant observed evidence of completed satisfactory comprehensive background checks for all employees.

**Comment**

Director provided 11 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of records that employee number 29 did not complete the Health and Safety Orientation training within the first 90 days of employment, as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2023**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.