



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/1/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:05 AM **Departure:** 10:50 AM

CCLC-53079

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
05/01/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/14/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/14/2023	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	A- (1L) 1's & 2's	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B- (2L) 4wks- 18 mths	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play
Main	C-(2R) 3 yrs		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- (1R) 4 yr-12yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks			
Total # Children this Date: 13		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 4 wks - 12 years	44	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation Follow Up visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/01/2023

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

Kenneth Pressley, Program Official

Date

Carrie Spangler, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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

Facility

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.26(9)-Citation deferred. Due date not approached.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based upon observation and a staff statement that center staff mixed cereal and applesauce in a child's bottle on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that Staff do not add cereal or other foods to infant bottles.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023

Corrected on 5/1/2023

.17(7) - Correction of previous citation in that staff stated appropriate hand washing procedures.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023

Corrected on 5/1/2023

.17(8) - Correction of previous citation in that Staff stated appropriate hand washing procedures.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023

Corrected on 5/1/2023

.11(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed appropriate discipline and redirection.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023

Corrected on 5/1/2023

.32(7) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed appropriate supervision on this date.