



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/28/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-53553

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Quality Rated: No

<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.
09/28/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Infants and Six Year Olds and Over	2	6	NC	6	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B-2L	One Year Olds	1	3	C	6	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C-3L	One Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-4L		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-5L	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	TV,Transitioning
Main	G-2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H-3R	Three Year Olds	3	16	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	I-Far Back	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	19	C	14	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 119					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 79					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side	53	C
Main	Right Side	48	C

Comments

September 28, 2023- The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit on September 13, 2023.

The follow up report was discussed with the provider and a copy was left at the center.

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.decga.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@decga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Tiffany Gray, Program Official

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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-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present and accessible to the children:

Classroom B-2L- Consultant observed a broom, dustpan and Swiffer floor cleaner next to the trash can.

Classroom E-5L- Consultant observed a staff member's purse on the white shelf to the right that was within the children's reach.

Classroom H-3R- Consultant observed a plastic bag in the cubby under #9 and hanging under the cubby of #10.

Classroom I- Far Back- Consultant observed a can of plain Pringles and a bottle of chocolate Nesquik milk on the shelf to the left going towards the playroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on observation that on September 28, 2023 at approximately 11:00 a.m., center staff allowed a six-year-old child to be in the infant classroom outside of the allowed early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain Staff:child ratios based on the youngest child in the group during early morning and late afternoon times when children younger than three years of age may be grouped with older children.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2023