



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/6/2023    **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up    **Arrival:** 12:35 PM    **Departure:** 2:45 PM

**CCLC-48377**

**Special Investigations Unit  
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**Childcare Network #309**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                                           |               | <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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 12/06/2023                         | Incident Investigation & Follow Up        | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/18/2023                         | Complaint Closure                         | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/10/2023                         | 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                            | A 1R/Right side | Two Year Olds                      | 1     | 8        | C                             | 16         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | B 2R/Right side | Two Year Olds                      | 1     | 9        | C                             | 15         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | C 1L/Right side | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1     | 11       | C                             | 19         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | D 2L/Right side | Three Year Olds                    | 1     | 11       | C                             | 20         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | E 3L/Right side | Infants                            | 1     | 4        | C                             | 22         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | F 4L/Right side | Infants                            | 1     | 4        | C                             | 21         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | G 1L/Left side  |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 16         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                            | H 2L/Left side  |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 16         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                            | I 3L/Left side  |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 16         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                            | J 4L/Left side  | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 2     | 26       | C                             | 18         | NC                                                          | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | K 1R/Left side  | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 2     | 17       | C                             | 21         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Lunch      |
| Main                            | L 2R/Left side  | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 2     | 17       | C                             | 21         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Story      |
| Main                            | M 3R/Left side  |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 21         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                            | N 4R/Left side  | One Year Olds                      | 2     | 13       | C                             | 21         | C                                                           | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225 |                 |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            | Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks |            |              |            |

Total # Children this Date: 120    Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225    Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground          | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Main     | 3 yrs. & school age | 46                      | C                        |
| Main     | Infant/Toddler      | 22                      | C                        |
| Main     | Preschool           | 28                      | C                        |

#### **Comments**

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on any previous citations from the visit conducted on August 10, 2023.

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

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](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.

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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Tiffany Padgett, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high 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. It was determined based on observation that the bottom of the exit gate on the 3yrs & school age playground was detached from the bottom pole, creating a seven inch gap. In addition, the back fence on the 3 yrs & school age playground had a patch of fencing that was detached from the supporting poles and bowed outward, creating a six inch gap and a five inch gap between the poles and the fence, creating an entrapment hazard for children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2023**

**Recited on 12/6/2023**

**Staff Records**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(g) requires the Center to maintain valid evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination at the Child Care Learning Center for the Director and each Employee (including Students-in-Training, Volunteers, independent contractors and residents age 17 and older) for the duration of employment or residency plus one year, and such electronic evidence must be made immediately available to the Department upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #8 was on the premises working with an expired Criminal Background Records check.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION -The Center will [ ] to maintain valid evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination for the Director and each Employee (including Students-in-Training, Volunteers, independent contractors and residents age 17 and older) for the duration of employment or residency plus one year, and such electronic evidence will be made immediately available to the Department upon request. The Center will work to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2023**

**Correction Deadline: 8/10/2023**

**Corrected on 12/6/2023**

**Previous citation corrected. Staff member #18 is no longer employed at the center.**

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2023**

**Corrected on 12/6/2023**

**Previous citation corrected. Consultant did not observe any children from the two-year-old classroom exiting the classroom through an unlocked adjoining door, into an empty classroom on this date.**