



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/14/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 3:25 PM **Departure:** 4:35 PM

CCLC-949

Early Start Learning Center

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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.
12/14/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/18/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Building II	C1-A		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Playground	50	C

Comments

An in-person complaint investigation was conducted with the director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/30/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Essie Baker, Program Official

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Verlyn Gant, 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-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Corrected on 12/14/2022

.25(13) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation, there were no teacher's purses stored at low level accessible to children in unlocked cupboards.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Corrected on 12/14/2022

.25(3) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the black border in the Main B2 1st L classroom had been replaced. Additionally, the flaking paint on the left side of the Main 2L rear entry classroom had been repainted.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Corrected on 12/14/2022

.25(8) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation all unused electrical outlets in the Middle Back infant and 2L rear entry classrooms were covered with protective caps as required.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/28/2022

Corrected on 12/14/2022

.26(6) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the rust and peeling paint on the blue climbing structure and the red bouncy structures had been repainted. Additionally, there were no protruding nails on the wooden white, pink, and red climbing structure.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022

Corrected on 12/14/2022

.26(9) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation that the floor covering on the infant porch outdoor area posing a potential tripping hazard had been replaced.