



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Date:** 4/4/2023    **VisitType:** ILS Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-56431**

**Brilliant Star Childcare**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
04/04/2023	ILS Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/13/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/15/2022	Incident Investigation 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- Preschool		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	A- Preschool		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-Toddler		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-Toddler		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-Infant		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-Infant		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks

Total # Children this Date: 0

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	All Ages-Only PG	40	C
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**Comments**

Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on April 4, 2023. The exit conference was conducted in person with the Director/Owner. Permission to Operate will be issued on this date. This facility carries liability insurance.

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.decgal.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](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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Whitney Sparrow, Program Official

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a ILS Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

**Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. There is no pool on the premises.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Director/Owner, in order to maximize her capacity for the toilets and sinks. The washer and dryer should be inaccessible to the children in the bathroom adjacent to Room B. Consultant discussed adding locked accordion doors to ensure the washer and dryer was inaccessible to the children in care. Once the doors are added, consultant discussed with the Director/Owner to apply for an amendment to receive the maximum capacity of 32 children.

**Correction Deadline: 5/4/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The program has a capacity limitation of 25 children due to insufficient toilets and sinks.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

On this date, there were no children present. Consultant discussed with Director/Owner, please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Comment**

On this date, there were no children present. Consultant discussed with Director/Owner, please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

On this date, there were no children in care. The fence around the playground measured four (4) feet in height. Consultant discussed with the Director/Owner about not having items near the fence such as a storage cube or other items, which could pose as a step to allow children access to be able to jump the fence. Director/Owner moved the item from the fence area.

**Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

On this date, there were no children present. Consultant discussed with Director/Owner, to ensure there is no stagnant water in equipment such as sand and water tables. Please check those items after it rain and ensure staff empty to prevent it from being a hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023**

**Food Service**

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure food items that has been opened or stored in a tight-fitting container or an airtight bag, labeled as to the content.

**Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children present in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children present on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Seven (7) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the Director/ Owner during the inspection visit.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023****Comment**

The correct number of cots/mats, sheets, and cover were observed on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023**

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**Staff Records**

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

Six (6) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

Consultant discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children present on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

There were no children present on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.