

# 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: 5/16/2023 VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 1:10 PM

Monitoring Visit

CCLC-57269 Region Consultant

**Childcare Network #29** 

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Same

**Quality Rated: No** 

|            |  |               | 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 |  |  |  |  |
|------------|--|---------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 05/16/2023 | Investigation & Monitoring Visit                 | Good Standing | standing, support, and deficient.  Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting   |  |  |  |  |
| 03/20/2023 |  | Good Standing |   |  |  |  |  |
| 03/14/2023 | Complaint<br>Investigation &<br>Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | Tules.  Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.   |  |  |  |  |

#### Ratios/License Capacity

| Building | Room | Age Group                          | Staff | Children | NC/C                          | Max 35<br>SF. | 35 SF.<br>Comp. |  | 25 SF.<br>Comp. | Notes                            |
|----------|------|------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Main     | A    | •                                  | 0     | 0        | C                             | 36            | С               | NA   | NA              | Not In Use                       |
| Main     | В    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1     | 14       | С                             | 16            | С               | NA   | NA              | Centers                          |
| Main     | С    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1     | 12       | С                             | 16            | С               | NA   | NA              | Clean Up                         |
| Main     | D    |                                    | 0     | 0        | С                             | 27            | С               | NA   | NA              | Not In Use                       |
| Main     | E    | Two Year Olds                      | 5     | 14       | С                             | 20            | С               | NA   | NA              | Transitioning                    |
| Main     | F    | Two Year Olds                      | 0     | 0        | С                             | 17            | С               | NA   | NA              | Not In Use                       |
| Main     | G    | One Year Olds                      | 2     | 1        | С                             | 17            | С               | NA   | NA              | Outside                          |
| Main     | Н    | Infants                            | 2     | 8        | С                             | 17            | С               | NA   | NA              | Diapering,Feedi<br>ng,Floor Play |
| Main     | 1    |                                    | 0     | 0        | С                             | 36            | С               | NA   | NA              |                                  |
|          |      | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 163    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |               |                 | Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department |                 |                                  |
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Total # Children this Date: 49 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 163

Total Capacity @25 sq.

ft.: 0

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| Building | Playground        | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A: Infant-Toddler | 57                   | С                     |
| Main     | В                 | 44                   | С                     |
| Main     | С                 | 78                   | С                     |

Plan developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/16/2023

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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 a1 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

| Fereshia Booker, Program Official | Date | Nadia Bernard, Consultant | Date |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
| Rachael Brown, Consultant         | Date |                           |      |



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# (Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

# **Activities and Equipment**

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

**Not Met** 

#### Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

# **Finding**

591-1-1-1.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that in Room G there was a refrigerator that was not anchored to the ground.

### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed movement of children to maintain capacities.

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

Met

#### Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

# 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 on playground A there was a six inch gap at the bottom of the back gate.

# 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: 5/16/2023

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

**Not Met** 

# **Finding**

)591-1-1-.10(5) requires that Center Staff shall not leave infants or children unattended while being diapered or having their clothes changed on the diaper changing surface. It was determined based on observation that in room H a staff member turned away without keeping a hand on the child.

# **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained, procedures are reviewed periodically and diaper changing is monitored periodically.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

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

**Not Met** 

# Comment

Consultant discussed with the provider to address handwashing procedures with staff members.

#### Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

# **Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that staff members did not sanitize their hands while handling bodily fluids on playground.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

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# 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

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

# 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the vehicle PQM237 was missing a working fire extinguisher.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

# Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of documents that center staff did not sign the second check for May 5, 2023, for the pm route for Brookview Elementary school.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

# 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

# Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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#### Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(b) - Consultant discussed cot storage with the director.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit.

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

#### Comment

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

# Staffing and Supervision

# 591-1-1-.32 Staff: Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

**Not Met** 

### **Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that there was one teacher to twenty-nine three and four year old children on playground B for approximately five minutes.

# **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2023

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

**Staffing and Supervision** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2023

#### **Corrected on 5/16/2023**

.32(7) - Citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Staff observed to adequately supervise children on this date.

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