



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/14/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 12:45 PM    **Departure:** 2:15 PM

**CCLC-31733**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 03/14/2023                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 09/28/2022                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |
| 04/27/2022                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |

**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.

**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                            | 2A                 | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2                               | 10       | C    | 17                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | 3's                | Three Year Olds                    | 1                               | 7        | C    | 31                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | Infant I           | Infants                            | 3                               | 8        | C    | 14                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play |
| Main                            | Infant II          | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2                               | 8        | C    | 15                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | Pre-K A            | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 16       | C    | 28                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | Pre-K B            | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                               | 10       | C    | 32                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                            | Upstairs (Library) |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 31                            | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Main                            | Waddlers           | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 1                               | 9        | C    | 18                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186 |                    |                                    |                                 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 68  |                    |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |            |

| Building | Playground         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground B       | 84                   | C                     |
| Main     | Pre-K A Playground | 89                   | C                     |
| Main     | Waddler Playground | 18                   | C                     |

**Comments**

MV conducted on this date.

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.

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#### 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.

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

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Robin Perkins, Program Official

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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Evening Care**

**591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

No evening care hours provided

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that in the Pre-K A room, the vent fans in the bathroom was not working as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2023

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Health and Hygiene**

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that in the Infant II room there were two children asleep in cribs with bibs around their necks.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2023

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Policies and Procedures**

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022

Corrected on 3/14/2023

.21(3) - Observed corrected.

**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**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.

**Staff Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022**

**Corrected on 3/14/2023**

**.14(2) - Staff no longer employed.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.