



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 10/27/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:00 PM

**Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-3501**

**Ringgold First Baptist Church Kindergarten**

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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.
10/27/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/26/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/01/2020	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
Main	A-1st Right	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	B-2nd Right	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	C-3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	D-2nd Left	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 20			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	50	C

**Comments**

An administrative review was completed on October 27, 2021. Staff background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 27, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

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LYNNDI FOUNTAIN, 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)

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

#### 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)

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

The center's playground area is currently undergoing construction. The consultant discussed the following with the director regarding the playground area:

- Monitor toys and equipment for normal wear and tear.
- Monitor trees surrounding the playground area for loose and/or weak tree branches.
- Monitor the grounds, equipment, and surrounding building for stinging and/or biting insects (i.e., bees, ants, etc.).
- Upon installation of new equipment, please ensure the resilient surface surrounding the fall zones measure at approximately six-inches.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

The center currently does not serve diapered children at this time.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff stated the proper handwashing procedures for staff and children.

### 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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### 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

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2013

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2021

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 01/03/2014

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2019

Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2020	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 11/01/2013	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed the following information regarding criminal record checks with the director:

- Monitor the expiration dates of all staff members', therapist, independent contractors, and/or volunteers criminal record check letters.
- Submit a portability request via DECAL KOALA for newly hired staff members, therapist, independent contractors and/or volunteers that have a previous satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check letter issued by the department.
- Ensure that all newly hired staff members, therapist, independent contractors, and/or volunteers have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check letter prior to providing services to children present for care.
- Ensure that all newly hired, seasonal staff members, therapist, and/or independent contractors with a six-month break of employment from child care submit an updated criminal record check application and complete the fingerprinting process prior to rendering services for child care services.

**Comment**

The director provided three files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on January 26, 2021 . The consultant observed three of three newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

**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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.