

# 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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#### **Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 6/2/2022 Arrival: 11:20 AM Departure: 1:00 PM VisitType: Licensing Study

**CCLC-1478** 

#### **Childcare Network #30**

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Compliance Zone Designation				
06/02/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
11/09/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
05/05/2021	Licensing Study	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.

Total Capacity @25 sq.

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

Total # Children this Date: 50

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	1st left Pre-K 2		0	0	С	21	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	1st Right 3 Yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	С	21	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	2nd Left Pre-K	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	С	26	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd Right 1 year	One Year Olds	2	8	С	13	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd Right	Two Year Olds	1	10	С	14	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Middle Infant Rm	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	С	13	С	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1	08		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			

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Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108

Building	Playground	Occupancy	Compliance	
Main	Large Playground	62	С	
Main	Right Playgorund	23	С	

#### Comments

An in-person visit was conducted on June 2, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 06/02/2022

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.decal.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





# 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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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
- 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) Jasmine Roberts, Program Official Date LaTanya Barber-Swift, Consultant Date



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#### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment** 

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

Not Met

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the children's cubby located in classroom 1st Right 3 Yrs had a broken shelf.

# **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2022

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

N/A

# Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5** 

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5** 

Not Met

Child # 1

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Home Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Home Number Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

#### 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of children's files that the following documents were missing:

- -Two of five parent work addresses missing.
- -Two of five parent work numbers missing.
- -Three of five address of release person information missing.
- -One of five parent home address missing.
- -One of five parent home number missing.
- -One of five child's allergies missing.

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

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2022

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Technical Assistance

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.06(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure there is a functioning exhaust fan in the bathroom located in classroom 1st Right 3 Yrs.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2022

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)

**Not Met** 

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the flooring in the following classrooms was not kept clean, 2nd Left Pre-K and in the kitchen.

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

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2022

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following potential hazards existed:

- Classroom 1st Right 3 year olds- There was a screw on top of the children's cubby accessible to the children. There were plastic bags, plastic storage bags, and Cottonelle wipes in the children's cubby accessible to the children. There was a cabinet located under the sink that had a broken safety latch that contained plastic bags and exam gloves accessible to the children.
- Classroom 2nd Right 1 year- There were plastic bags, Aquaphor, and baby wipes accessible to the children throughout the classroom.
- Classroom 2nd Left Pre-K- There was a toilet plunger in the boys bathroom accessible to the children.

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

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2022

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that there was peeling paint in the bathroom next to the left toilet located in classroom 1st Right 3 year old classroom. It was further determined based on observation that there were loose ceiling tiles located in classroom 3rd Right and in the kitchen.

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

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2022

# 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 the fence pole was bent on the back left area located on the Large Playground that had an opening that was approximately 3.5 inches which could pose a hazard to the children.

#### **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: 6/24/2022

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that there was a basketball rim that had a torn goal located on the left side of the large playground accessible to the children.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2022

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation there were several hazardous items, an exposed water hose, a broken storage bin. There was also trash located next to the swimming pool located on the large playground which could pose a hazard to children in care.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2022

**Food Service** 

#### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

591-1-1-.15(2) - Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2022

#### Comment

591-1-1-.15(7) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2022

# **Health and Hygiene**

# 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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records** 

Records Reviewed: 17	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0	
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 04/04/2020	Met	
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 03/14/2022	Met	
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 05/31/2022	Met	
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/13/2022	Met	
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 04/05/2022	Met	
Staff # 6	Met	

**Records Reviewed: 17** Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0 Date of Hire: 10/25/2018 Staff #7 Met Date of Hire: 11/15/2021 Staff #8 Met Date of Hire: 05/03/2012 Staff #9 Met Date of Hire: 06/06/2022 Staff # 10 Met Date of Hire: 02/23/2022 Staff # 11 Met Date of Hire: 07/24/2018 Staff # 12 Met Date of Hire: 10/24/2021 Staff # 13 Met Date of Hire: 09/07/2021 Staff # 14 Met Date of Hire: 07/23/2017 Staff # 15 Met Date of Hire: 09/20/2021 Staff # 16 Met Date of Hire: 05/28/2022 Staff # 17 Met Date of Hire: 06/01/2022 Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met Comment Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. 591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met Comment Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. **Staffing and Supervision** 

591-1-132 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
Comment Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.	
591-1-132 Supervision(CR)	Met

# Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.