



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/17/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 1:45 PM

**CCLC-30521**

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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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| 05/17/2023                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |
| 10/19/2022                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |
| 11/03/2021                         | 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                            | 1L Room 208            | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                           | 2                             | 13       | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside              |
| Main                            | 2L Room 212            | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                           | 2                             | 14       | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Music,Circle Time    |
| Main                            | 3L Room 213            | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds                              | 2                             | 13       | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside              |
| Main                            | 4L Room 217            | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds                            | 2                             | 14       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside              |
| Main                            | Downstairs 1L Room 102 | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 3                             | 25       | C    | 31         | C            | NA         | NA           | Homework,Centers,Art |
| Main                            | Downstairs 2L Room 106 |  | 0                             | 0        | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Main                            | Downstairs 3L Room 110 | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                           | 3                             | 24       | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning,Snack  |
| Main                            | Downstairs 4L Room 114 | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 3                             | 24       | C    | 32         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers,Homework,Art |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182 |                        |  | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 127 |                        |  | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                      |

| Building | Playground | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
|----------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Main     | Playground | 101                     | C                        |

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study Visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on October 19, 2022.

Consultant provided contact information and information as it relates to the Field Finger Printing on this date.

Consultant left a one-day letter with the program on this date.

Consultant left Affidavit with the Director on this date and due by May 24, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/17/2023

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, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Dassie New, Program Official

Date

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Shannon Curtis, Consultant

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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)**

**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.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**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)**

**Not Met**

**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 observations a black staff purse was observed on the counter in classroom #113 accessible to children in care.

**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: 5/17/2023**

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the staff to ensure monthly fire drills are conducted and documented on this date. Consultant observed last fire drill documented as of March 28, 2023 on this date.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**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**

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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**Staff Records**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of staff files a staff member was present with an expired Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter as of February 15, 2023 on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will create a checklist and monitor the checklist to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will create a spreadsheet or system to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 5/17/2023**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.