



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/7/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:15 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-3305**

**Bright Beginnings Day Care**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<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.
02/07/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/02/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/01/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
			<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.

**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	Infant	Infants	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Feeding
Main	One's	One Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Breakfast
Main	Three's and Four's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Two's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	17	NC	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Centers
Main	Young One's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 50					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	23	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Monitoring Visit. The center does not provide routine transportation, field trips, swimming activities, or administer medications.

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

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Annie Luree Miller, Program Official

Date

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Jerica Davis, Regional Consultant

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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**

**Correction Deadline: 9/2/2022**

**Corrected on 2/7/2023**

.12(2) - This citation was observed to have been corrected on this date. The shelf appeared to be clean and the couch had been repaired.

**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**

**Defer**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.08(1)- This citation will be reviewed at the next Licensing Study. Center staff stated that they are still in process of updating their enrollment forms to include doctor information.

**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: 9/16/2022**

**Facility**

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. Please inspect the flooring for cracking and repair or replace as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 3/9/2023**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure 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. Please inspect the fencing to sure it is not leaning and is secured.

**Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. 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. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. Please ensure that the above listed foods are not served to children under four years of age.

**Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**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 the staff member in classroom Infant was observed turn her back to an infant on the changing table briefly while she moved another child out from under her feet leaving the infant unattended on the changing table.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023**

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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**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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**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.

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**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.

**Comment**

Director provided one file for an employee hired since the last visit.

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**591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022**

**Corrected on 2/7/2023**

**.24(1) - This citation was observed to corrected on this date. All new staff had evidence of orientation on file as required.**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Defer**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation will be evaluated at the next Licensing Study.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 1/1/2023**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that one staff member was observed in classroom Two's with 11 two-year-old children and 6 three-year-old children for a ratio of 1:17 when two staff members were required for a ratio of 2:17.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

**Correction Deadline: 2/7/2023**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.