



**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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**Date:** 5/10/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 11:40 AM

**Departure:** 3:15 PM

**CCLC-34718**

**Saint Simons United Methodist Preschool**

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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.  <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.
05/10/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/11/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/11/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	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
ONE	105	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
ONE	107	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
ONE	108	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Story
ONE	109	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
ONE	112	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Story
ONE	116	One Year Olds	3	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
ONE	C		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 120						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 120			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
ONE	ONE	60	C
ONE	Playground 2	11	C

### Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/10/2023

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.al.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

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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Mary Brittain, Program Official

Date

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Jerica Davis, 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**

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Please ensure to keep items such as plastic bags inaccessible to children.

**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 in classroom 108, one of two toilets had peeling and bubbling paint behind the toilet in the bathroom on the left. Additionally, in classroom 109, there was peeling and bubbling paint in two of two bathrooms behind the toilets.

**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: 5/24/2023

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2023

.26(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The fencing measured 48 inches as required.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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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**

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

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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

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2022

Corrected on 5/10/2023

.09(1)(j) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a Comprehensive Criminal Background Check on file as required.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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**

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