



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/23/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:05 AM    **Departure:** 2:20 PM

**CCLC-1471**

**Childcare Network #22**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/23/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/25/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/24/2022	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.

**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**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A-Front R. 3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	28	C	Outside,Free Play
Main	B-Back R 2's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	C-Center Front Tod.	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Art
Main	D-Center Back Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	E-Front L 4's	GA PreK	2	11	C	20	C	28	C	Free Play,Transitioning
Main	F-Back Left-4's	Six Year Olds and Over	2	18	C	25	C	35	C	Transitioning,Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 129

Total # Children this Date: 63

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back playground	45	C
Main	Right front	38	C

**Comments**

A Licensing visit was completed on this date.

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.

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#### 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 user id 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.

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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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Nonie Pope, Program Official

Date

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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)**

**N/A**

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute in fall zones.

## Food Service

### 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

#### Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

#### Comment

The Provider does not dispense or administer medication.

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

#### Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection was observed during the visit.

### 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)

Not Met

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36 - Discussed the transportation parental agreement forms. Please ensure all the required information is on the centers forms.

#### Comment

The consultant observed the staff complete the required checks of the vehicle, A current inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of records that the transportation agreement forms were incomplete for 25 children in that the forms did not have the delivery destination and time for afternoon transportation.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center has printed a copy of the transportation agreement form from the Bright from the Start website and will have parents update the forms.

**Correction Deadline: 2/24/2023**

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please ensure cots stored in the classrooms are covered.

## Staff Records

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**

**Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training for the year 2022.

**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.