

# 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: 11/3/2022 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 10:25 AM Departure: 4:15 PM

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Quality Rated: >



Compliance	Compliance Zone Designation						
	Good Standing	Licensing Study	11/03/2022				
Good Stand	Good Standing	Complaint Closure	02/11/2022				
Support Deficient	Good Standing	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	01/20/2022				

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.

• Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

 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	Atrium		0	0	С	64	С	NA	NA	·
Main	Busy Bugs (1 yrs)	One Year Olds	3	9	С	25	С	NA	NA	Outside,Transitio
Main	Expendition(Pre-K)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	21	С	27	С	NA	NA	Outside,Transitio ning
Main	Farm Room (2 yrs)		0	0	С	25	С	NA	NA	
Main	Jungle (3 yrs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	17	С	25	С	NA	NA	Story
Main	Little Clous(0-1year)	Infants and One Year Olds	3	9	С	15	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Na p
Main	Mother Goose (1-2 yrs)		0	0	С	25	С	NA	NA	
Main	Ocean (3 yrs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	16	С	25	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Polly Wogs (2-3yrs)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	11	С	25	С	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lun ch
Main	Rain Forest(2 yrs)	Two Year Olds	3	12	С	23	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rainbow Roo (0- 12mos)		0	0	С	19	С	NA	NA	
Main	Safari Pre-K		3	0	С	46	С	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	sunshine room (infants)		0	0	С	12	С	NA	NA	

Main	tree tops(0-11mos)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	10	С	27	С	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lun ch,Nap
	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 383			Total C	apacity @	25 sq.				
Total # C	children this Date: 105	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38	33		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.	•		

ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	13	С
Main	Older Toddler Playground	53	С
Main	Preschool/Prek Playground	50	С
Main	Young Toddler Playground	9	С

#### Comments

An in-person inspection was conducted on November 03, 2022 with the Director. Background checks were all reviewed on November 03, 2022.

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 03, 2022. Staff files, children's files, and training documentation were all reviewed.

The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the Licensing Study Visit report was given to the Director on November 03, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/03/2022

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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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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 <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> 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 th	is report with which y	ou disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:						
1) Log into DECAL KOALA <a href="www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a> 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								
do not have this liability insurance, you are required to parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain	oost a notice with ½ in their signature to a	liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If nch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the cknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A.	é					
Susie Riddick, Program Official	Date	Verlyn Gant, 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)

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** 

Records Reviewed: 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Child # 3 Met

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-Ī-.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, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that two of five children's enrollment forms did not have the parent's work address as required.

#### **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: 11/3/2022

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** 

#### Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

# **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 staff members purses were stored at low level accessible to children in the Jungle, Expendition and Safari classrooms. Additionally, plastic bags were accessible to children at low level in the Ocean classroom restroom.

### 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: 11/3/2022

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

Met

### Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service** 

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that baby bottles did not have a label with the individual child's names as required in the Busy Bugs and Little Clous classrooms as required.

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

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

# **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)

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

# **Policies and Procedures**

#### **591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**

Met

#### Comment

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

# Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

# 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)

**Technical Assistance** 

# 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.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick.

Please ensure that the mats are of sound construction with no exposed foam.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

	Staff Records
Records Reviewed: 36	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6
Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/10/2022	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2022	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2022	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2022	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2022	Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2022	
Staff # 9	Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 07/05/2022	
Staff # 11	Met

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6 Records Reviewed: 36** Staff # 12 Not Met "Missing/Incomplete Components" .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training Staff # 13 Met Staff # 14 Met Staff # 15 Not Met Date of Hire: 10/10/2017 "Missing/Incomplete Components" .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training Staff # 16 Met Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 Date of Hire: 09/07/2022 calendar days of hired Staff # 17 Met Date of Hire: 07/29/2021 Staff # 18 Met Date of Hire: 06/13/2022 Staff # 19 Met Date of Hire: 10/26/2021 Staff # 20 Met Date of Hire: 10/17/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired Staff # 21 Met Date of Hire: 08/08/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired Staff # 22 Met Staff # 23 Met Date of Hire: 08/15/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired Staff # 24 Met Date of Hire: 05/09/2018 Staff # 25 Met Date of Hire: 04/11/2022 Staff # 26 Met

**Records Reviewed: 36 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6** Staff # 27 Met Date of Hire: 01/03/2012 Staff # 28 Met Staff # 29 Not Met Date of Hire: 07/14/2022 "Missing/Incomplete Components" .33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate Staff #30 Met Date of Hire: 07/18/2017 Staff # 31 Met Staff #32 Met Date of Hire: 02/19/2007 Staff # 33 Met Date of Hire: 10/08/2021 Staff # 34 Not Met Date of Hire: 07/18/2022 "Missing/Incomplete Components" .33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate Staff # 35 Not Met Date of Hire: 05/09/2019 "Missing/Incomplete Components" .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training Staff # 36 Met Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met Comment Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Not Met** 

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that staff members #29 and #34 had not completed the health and safety orientation training as required.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2022

# **Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of records that staff #9, staff #12, staff #15, and staff #35, did not complete the ten (10) hours of diverse training for the 2021 calendar year as required.

# 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: 11/3/2022

Recited on 11/3/2022

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2022

#### **Corrected on 11/3/2022**

.32(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation the correct Staff:child ratios were being met in each of the classrooms as required.

#### 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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