



**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:** 5/23/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 4:15 PM

**CCLC-115**

**The Frazer Center**

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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.
05/23/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/16/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/12/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	Atrium		0	0	C	64	C	NA	NA	
Main	Busy Bugs (1 yrs)	One Year Olds	3	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	Expendition(Pre-K)	GA PreK	3	20	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	Farm Room (2 yrs)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Jungle (3 yrs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	Little Clous(0-1year)	Infants and One Year Olds	3	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	Mother Goose (1-2 yrs)	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	Ocean (3 yrs)	Three Year Olds	3	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap, Outside
Main	Polly Wogs (2-3yrs)	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Floor Play
Main	Rain Forest(2 yrs)	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Lunch
Main	Rainbow Roo (0-12mos)	Infants	3	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Safari Pre-K	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	46	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Floor Play
Main	sunshine room (infants)	Infants	3	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	tree tops(0-11mos)	One Year Olds	2	10	C	27	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 383

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


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

**Comments**

An on-site inspection was conducted on May 23, 2023 with the Director. Background checks were reviewed on May 23, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/23/2023

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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Deidra Adams, Program Official

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Cassandra Jakes-Beasley, 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**

**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 the following hazards were observed in the following :

In Treetop, Rain Forest, Ocean, Busy Bugs and Jungle

- Toilet brushes and plungers were observed in the bathroom.

**Jungle**

Garbage bags were stored in an open blue basket on top of the diaper changing table.

**Rainforest**

Hand sanitizer, wite out, adult scissors were located on the teacher's desk. Adult scissors were also observed in an unlocked drawer.

**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: 5/23/2023**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires 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. It was determined based on observation that the lattice fencing on the left back corner had a gap at the bottom that measured at four inches wide.

Preschool Pre- K playground

It was also determined that the fencing material on the left side measured between three and half inches to four inches between each wood plank.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete.

It was determined based on observation that the playground was not in good repair:

Old Toddler Playground

- The red rubber playground surface was splitting and lifting in several areas throughout the playground.
- Over the drainage area, near the small climbing equipment, one wood plank was missing, exposing a hole, measuring five inches long.

Preschool /Pre-Playground

- The green rubber surface was splitting and lifting throughout the play area.
- There were two worn areas underneath the swings, measuring over 12 inches long.
- Near the blue helicopter, five rectangular pieces of the surface material were not flushed and not secure.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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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**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

## Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

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

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

#### Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cots and mats construction was discussed with the director on this date. Please ensure that all sleeping equipment is in good repair.

## 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-.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

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