



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/15/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 10:45 AM

**CCLC-45874**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/15/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	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 - 1L		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	B - 2L		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	C - 1R	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D - 2R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Circle Time, Floor Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 76

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 8

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 76

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant	8	C
Main	Older	50	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

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

Carmen Brooks, Program Official

Date

Evelyn McBurse, 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)**

**Not Evaluated**

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (toilet bowl cleaner and plunger) out of reach of children in the bathroom of Classroom C.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022**

**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

**.25(13) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed hanging cords under the window AC unit to be repaired in Classroom D and no staff purse accessible to children in Classroom D.**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022**

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.26(4) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed the gap on the bottom of the playground fence to be repaired on both the older and infant playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.26(9) - Correction of the previous citation in the consultant observed previous hazards to be removed from older and infant playground.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed with director to ensure to remove any pine cones from the infant playground and to add a barrier to upper deck on the older playground.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

**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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.20(4) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed no medication to be stored accessible to children on this date. Director stated that medication is not dispensed at center.

**Safety**

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

Not Evaluated

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.30(2) - Correction of the previous citation in that staff stated proper knowledge of SIDS and safe sleep environment for infants.

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit on September 15, 2022.

**Comment**

Satisfactory comprehensive criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all current staff on this date.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022**

**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

**.32(1) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed appropriate staff:child ratios in all occupied classrooms.**

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022**

**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

**.32(7) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed each group of students to be directly supervised by staff members on this date.**