



**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:** 7/12/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:30 AM    **Departure:** 2:45 PM

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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.
07/12/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/09/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/09/2023	Complaint Closure	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	1st Back Right		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Front Right		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Left Rear	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	2nd Back Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play
Main	2nd Front Right	One Year Olds	3	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2nd Left Rear	Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	3rd Left Rear	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	14	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	4th Left Rear		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	5th Rear		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left Front	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	33	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 187						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 59						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left Side	71	C
Main	PG-Center Rear/Right Area	100	C
Main	PG-Right Side	25	C

## Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation/ Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/12/2023

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 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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Grace Taylor, Program Official

Date

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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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that staff do not stack chairs in classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 7/12/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(6) - The Consultant and Director discussed adding toys to classrooms to enhance variety.

**Correction Deadline: 8/11/2023**

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**N/A**

**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.

**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 upon observation that the following fencing hazards were accessible to children:

PG-Left Side:

- There were 20 bolts over two threads at the front fence gate.
- There were twelve bolts over two threads at the right side fence gate.
- The chain link fencing around the playground had chipping paint throughout.
- The back of the left side chain link fence measured at three feet four inches when four feet was required.

PG- Center Rear/ Right Area:

- The wooden fence on the right side had a gap that measured six inches by 17 inches at the back corner.
- The wooden fence measures three feet five and one half inches at the middle of the right side fence.

**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: 8/18/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that staff remove broken toys from the playground as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 7/22/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based upon observation that the resilient surfacing at the large purple slide measured at five inches on the PG-Left Side when six inches was required. It was further determined that the resilient surfacing at the purple swing set measured at three inches on the PG-Center Rear/ Right Area when six inches was required. It was also determined that there was no resilient surfacing at the large blue slide/ play structure on the PG-Center Rear/ Right Area when six inches was required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2023**

**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 upon observation that there were two protruding bolts at the black sand box barrier on the PG- Center Rear/ Right Area. It was further determined that a water hose on the PG- Right Side causing a potential tripping hazard.

**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: 7/12/2023**

**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)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that all children's sinks used for hand washing have warm running water at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 7/12/2023**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based upon observation that four out of six crib sheets were not tight-fitting on this date in the 2nd Back Right Classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

**Correction Deadline: 7/12/2023**

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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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**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

**The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:**

	<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/9/2023**

**Corrected on 7/12/2023**

**.25(13) - The Consultant did not observe hazards accessible to children. The Consultant and Director discussed hazards on this date.**

	<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/10/2023**

**Corrected on 7/12/2023**

**.29(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Director stated appropriate Required Reporting requirements.**