



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 8/3/2022    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:45 AM    **Departure:** 12:15 PM

**CCLC-32839**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
08/03/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/11/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

  

<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.

**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 1st Rm-Infront Hallway	Infants	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B Lt Rm Rt Side	One Year Olds	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C Lt Rm-Lt Side	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	33	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D Rt Right Hall	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	50	C	48	NC	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	E Rt Rm-Lt Side	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	29	C	38	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 161					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 103			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 161			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG 2 year	98	C
Main	PG Infant	41	C
Main	PG-3/4 years	86	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/03/2022

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



### 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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical 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 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)

Jefflyn Brannon, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, 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**

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation and staff statements that in classroom D there were 50 children present with a licensed capacity of 48.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022**

**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 accessible to children:

C: In an unlocked drawer on teacher's desk were adult scissors, staple remover, and disinfectant spray

E: Under the handwashing sink in an unlocked cabinet was "Gillette" shaving cream. In a red plastic drawer to the left of the door leading to the pool was sunscreen.

**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: 9/1/2022**

**Recited on 8/3/2022**

**Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022**

**Corrected on 8/3/2022**

**.25(3) - Correction observed on this date. Items listed were repaired.**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazardous equipment was present and accessible to children:

The left Side Playground:

A horse rider toy was not attached to base.

Tan house with blue roof was missing a door.

There were various types of broken equipment laying up against the building.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. Staff will remove broken equipment.

**Correction Deadline: 9/1/2022**

**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 the following hazards were present:

The left side playground had the following hazards:

Exposed tree roots near the back fencing posed a tripping hazard.

White pipe landscape border was not attached leaving an 8 x 8 opening posing an entrapment hazard.

Middle playground:

Exposed tree roots along the back left corner posed a tripping hazard.

There was one active ant bed.

**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: 9/1/2022**

**Recited on 8/3/2022**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**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****Correction Deadline: 3/17/2022****Corrected on 8/3/2022****.36(4)(b) - Correction observed on this date. Vehicles were clean and the seats repaired.****Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 15****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/02/2011	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/13/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/25/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2013	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/25/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/29/2020	

**Records Reviewed: 15**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/30/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 11/18/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 05/04/2021	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/14/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/24/2022	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/11/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 01/17/2022	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/25/2019	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.