



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

**Date:** 12/15/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:40 PM

**Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-1490**

**Childcare Network #9**

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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.
12/15/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/02/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/02/2021	Monitoring Visit	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
Building 1	Front-5+yr/Red	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	FrontLt-Pre-K/1		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	Lf Bk 3's	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	Pre-K/3	PreK	1	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	Right Back-Pre-K2	PreK	1	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Building II	1st Lt-Two's	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building II	1st Rt-Infants	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building II	Mid-1yr-Toddler	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 85			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

### Comments

December 15, 2022--The visit was completed on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director on site. Transportation was observed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/15/2022

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)

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Leslie Thornton, Program Official

Date

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Penny Svenson, Consultant

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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Technical Assistance**

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The Consultant discussed with the Assistant Director that the leaves on the deck area that led to the upper playground needed to be removed so that a child or staff member did not slip and fall.

**Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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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.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

The visit was conducted during nap time. Staff stated redirection was used for disciplinary measures.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation that the seat belts were not operable on the first right seat, second buckle, and the second left seat, first buckle, and only 12 children were able to be buckled and 14 children were transported on multiple days during the week of December 5, 2022, through December 9, 2022, and on December 12, 2022, and December 13, 2022.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that manufacturer directions and state and federal laws are met when using child passenger restraining systems and seat safety belts.

**Correction Deadline: 12/16/2022**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 12/19/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2022

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 04/15/2019

**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 08/15/2022	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/29/2016	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 09/28/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/01/2022	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/01/2022	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 10/13/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/21/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1**

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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-.33 Staff Training Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2021**

**Corrected on 12/15/2022**

**This citation pulled forward from April 2022 and was not cited on the previous visit.**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**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.