



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/22/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-1925**

**Tri-County Child Development Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 09/22/2022                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 03/15/2022                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |
| 08/05/2021                         | 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                            | Room 1/3yrs     | Three Year Olds                                       | 2                               | 15       | C                               | 19                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Story                      |
| Main                            | Room 2/ 3yrs    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                    | 2                               | 16       | C                               | 19                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                    |
| Main                            | Room 3/3 yrs    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 2                               | 13       | C                               | 19                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning              |
| Main                            | Room 4/ 4yr     | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds                     | 2                               | 6        | C                               | 24                              | C            | 34         | C            | Circle Time                |
| Main                            | Room 6/4-5yr    | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds                       | 2                               | 6        | C                               | 22                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                    |
| Main                            | Room 7/Infants  | Infants and One Year Olds                             | 2                               | 6        | C                               | 26                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Flo or Play |
| Main                            | Room 8/Toddlers |   | 0                               | 0        | C                               | 26                              | C            | NA         | NA           |                            |
| Main                            | Room5/4-5yrs    | Two Year Olds   | 2                               | 5        | C                               | 21                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time                |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176 |                 |   |                                 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 186 |                                 |              |            |              |                            |
| Total # Children this Date: 67  |                 |   | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176 |          |                                 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 186 |              |            |              |                            |

| Building | Playground         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | All other Enrolled | 196                  | C                     |
| Main     | Infant/Toddler     | 34                   | C                     |

## Comments

September 22, 2022--The visit was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/22/2022

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/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



### 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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Lakishia Evans, Program Official

Date

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Penny Svenson, 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**

**Correction Deadline:** 3/15/2022

**Corrected on 9/22/2022**

The correction was observed on this date. Toys and equipment appeared clean.

**Correction Deadline:** 3/15/2022

**Corrected on 9/22/2022**

The xylophone was not observed to be present in the infant classroom on this date.

**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 there were two teachers purses on the floor and in reach of children in Room 1 (One).

**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:** 9/22/2022

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to continue to monitor toilet seats and replace if the coating was removed or if the seat was no longer smooth and nonporous.

**Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022**

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

**Not Met**

**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 on observation that the required amount of resilient surface was not present under the four swings on the Main Playground.

**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. The Director stated resilient surface was ordered and scheduled to be added to the playground where it was needed.

**Correction Deadline: 10/2/2022**

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2022**

**Corrected on 9/22/2022**

**The correction was observed on this date. The Consultant reminded the Director to continue to monitor the playground for active ant beds and treat as needed, even if the ant beds are not in an area where children play.**

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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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed the documentation procedures on this date. The Consultant reminded the Director to note if the child was absent or if the medications were left at home and not provided by the parent.

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**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed on this date.

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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**

**Comment**

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 22**

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

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| Staff # 1<br>Date of Hire: 07/31/2019  | Met |
| Staff # 2                              | Met |
| Staff # 3<br>Date of Hire: 07/16/2021  | Met |
| Staff # 4                              | Met |
| Staff # 5                              | Met |
| Staff # 6<br>Date of Hire: 08/19/2019  | Met |
| Staff # 7<br>Date of Hire: 08/04/2014  | Met |
| Staff # 8<br>Date of Hire: 10/21/1996  | Met |
| Staff # 9                              | Met |
| Staff # 10<br>Date of Hire: 03/11/2020 | Met |
| Staff # 11<br>Date of Hire: 07/18/2014 | Met |
| Staff # 12<br>Date of Hire: 11/25/2020 | Met |
| Staff # 13<br>Date of Hire: 10/20/2020 | Met |
| Staff # 14                             | Met |
| Staff # 15<br>Date of Hire: 07/16/2018 | Met |
| Staff # 16                             | Met |

**Records Reviewed: 22**

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

Date of Hire: 09/13/2016

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2005

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/1996

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2017

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 04/06/2009

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**

**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.