

# 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: 7/24/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:45 AM Departure: 2:00 PM

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Quality Rated: >



Compliance Zone Designation					
07/24/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
04/12/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing			
04/04/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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.		25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Back	Back room	Six Year Olds and Over	2	18	С	26	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Back	Front Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	С	20	С	NA	NA	Nap
Back	Front Right		0	0	С	20	С	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: (	66		Total C ft.: 0	Capacity @	25 sq.			
Main	1st Left	Infants	1	6	С	13	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	1st Right		0	0	С	29	С	NA	NA	
Main	Back Left	One Year Olds	1	7	С	13	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Back right - Back	Two Year Olds	1	5	С	9	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Back right - Front	Two Year Olds	1	5	С	11	С	NA	NA	Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:	75		Total C ft.: 0	Capacity @	25 sq.			
Total # Cl	nildren this Date: 53	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:	141		Total C	Capacity @	25 sq.	•		

Building	Playground	Occupancy	Compliance
Main	Infants	47	С
Main	Preschool	144	С
Main	Toddler	21	С

#### Comments

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

All required documentation was available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the monitoring visit was conducted with the director on this date. Consultant emailed a signed copy of the monitoring report to the director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/24/2023

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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.

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## 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 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 855-800-7747 or quality rated@decal ga goy for more information. Free technical

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

## 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)

Met

## Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

## 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

## 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 chains around the climbing and sliding equipment on the Preschool (back) playground were rusted and in need painting or replacing.

## 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.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2023

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that any vines or weeds growing around the back and right side of the fence on the preschool (back) playground are cut back from the fence.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2023

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

## 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing of children was discussed with the staff on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the staff on this date.

Revision Date: 7/24/2023 1:42:07 PM

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

Met

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Discussed washing sheets and the disinfecting of mats/cots.

Staff Records

## 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.