



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

**Date:** 3/3/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-1457**

**Childcare Network #12**

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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.
03/03/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/19/2021	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/10/2021	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	Main:Pre-K (room A)	GA PreK	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers,Circle Time
Main	Pre-K (room B)	GA PreK	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm A-L ft	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm B-L middle	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Rm C-L back	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm D-Center Bk	Infants	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 66

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	102	C
Main	Playground B	15	C
Main	Playground C	24	C

**Comments**

An in-person walkthrough of the facility was conducted on March 3, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by March 10, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director after the walkthrough. The center does provide transportation. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk through visit. The annual review was completed on March 23, 2022, and a copy of the report was emailed to the provider on this day.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/RuleAndRegulations.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)

Rebecca Dudley, Program Official

Date

Kelly Wilson, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.03(7) requires the center to provide outdoor activities daily, weather permitting. It was determined based on observation that no outside time was provided in classroom D.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will follow a schedule that allows for all children to have the required amount of daily outside play time.

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/19/2021**

**Corrected on 3/3/2022**

.03(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Staff were observed to supervise children in appropriate play.

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/19/2021**

**Corrected on 3/3/2022**

.12(7)

- This citation was observed to be corrected. No hazards were observed accessible to children in care.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the the provider the requirement that the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. The eaves on the side of the building facing playground C and A are rotting and in need of repair. The director stated that a work order had been turned in with the maintenance staff for repair.

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

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute on Playground A.

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed the requirement that the 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. On playground B in the right back corner the fence wire had become untwisted and was poking out. The director stated that this had been submitted as a work order to the maintenance department.

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

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed the requirement that 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. On playground B a tricycle had a missing pedal exposing a bolt and a blue riding toy had a broken handle with a sharp edge exposed.

**Correction Deadline: 3/13/2022**

**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 there were the following hazards.

- On playground A a concrete rock had become exposed due to erosion presenting a tripping hazard.
- On playground B at the middle back of the fence a metal stake was sticking up out of the ground presenting a tripping hazard.
- On playground C in the back left corner a vine with black colored berries was growing presenting a hazard if ingested by children in care.

**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: 3/3/2022**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old child in classroom C had beads in their hair that were of a size that posed a choking hazard to children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2022

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	<b>Safety</b>
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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the following seats were torn presenting a hazard and were unable to be cleaned.

-On the van with tag # 9503 two seats on the front row, two seats on the second row, one seat on the third row and one seat on the back row were torn.

-On the van with tag # 8364 the two seats on the front row were torn.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2022

	<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that in classroom D an infant was sleeping in a crib with a bib attached around their neck and an infant was sleeping in a crib with a fabric head band around their head.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

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

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 03/10/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/29/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/19/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2012	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/26/2021	
Staff # 8	Met

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

Date of Hire: 02/20/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2020

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 11/18/2020

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 02/13/2021

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 02/03/2021

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** Met**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR** Met**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** Met**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**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.