



**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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**Date:** 8/19/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 3:30 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

**CCLC-3418**

**Wayne Head Start**

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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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| 08/19/2021                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |
| 02/09/2021                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |
| 09/16/2020                         | 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                       |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Main                           | 1-2nd Right    | Four Year Olds                     | 2     | 10       | C                             | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                       |
| Main                           | 2 - Front Room | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 9        | C                             | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                       |
| Main                           | 3 - 1st Right  | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 7        | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                       |
| Main                           | 4 - 3rd Left   |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                  |
| Main                           | 5 - 2nd Left   | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 5        | C                             | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap,Transitionin<br>g,Lunch |
| Main                           | 6 - 1st Left   |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           |                             |
|                                |                | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                             |
| Total # Children this Date: 31 |                | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                             |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground | 165                  | C                     |

**Comments**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, no in person visit was conducted. An administrative review was completed on 08-19-2021 and a virtual visit was completed on 08-24-2021. The center director stated no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is currently being provided. The center director stated there is a total of 14 staff members and none of the 14 are new hires. The consultant commended the center director on staff retention.

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

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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.

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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 New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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| <b>Activities and Equipment</b> |
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Met****Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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| <b>Facility</b> |
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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)****Met****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

591-1-1-.26(6) - The center director will ensure that all playground equipment is free of rust and chipping paint.

**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2021**

**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 blue slide on the playground did not have any resilient surface within the fall zones.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 9/3/2021**

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

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

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The center director stated no medication is administered.

**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

The center director stated no routine transportation is currently being provided.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****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. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 02/28/1994

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 2                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/13/2020 |     |
| Staff # 3                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/17/1992 |     |
| Staff # 4                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/24/2017 |     |
| Staff # 5                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/23/2018 |     |
| Staff # 6                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/26/2019 |     |
| Staff # 7                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/03/2010 |     |
| Staff # 8                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/25/2016 |     |
| Staff # 9                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/13/2018 |     |
| Staff # 10               | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/03/1995 |     |
| Staff # 11               | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/26/2019 |     |
| Staff # 12               | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/06/2013 |     |
| Staff # 13               | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/03/2010 |     |

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

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**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.

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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****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.