



**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:** 10/28/2020 **VisitType:** Follow-Up

**Arrival:** 8:35 AM

**Departure:** 11:15 AM

**CCLC-36015**

**Josiah Christian School**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <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. |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|
| 10/28/2020                         | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | Good Standing |  |
| 09/01/2020                         | Licensing Study                   | Good Standing |  |
| 02/04/2020                         | Complaint Closure                 | 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                           | Room A-2's                             | Two Year Olds   | 1                           | 5        | C                             | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                        |
| Main                           | Room B -2's                            |                 | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           |                                  |
| Main                           | Room C-Infants                         | Infants         | 2                           | 12       | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding,Diapering,Floor Play,Nap |
| Main                           | Room D-1's                             | One Year Olds   | 2                           | 11       | C                             | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                        |
| Main                           | Room E (right side) -3                 |                 | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           |                                  |
| Main                           | Room F (left side) -3's                | Three Year Olds | 1                           | 12       | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time                      |
| Main                           | Room G - 1's across from big bathrooms | Three Year Olds | 1                           | 12       | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time                      |
| Main                           | Room H - Upstairs                      | Four Year Olds  | 2                           | 19       | C                             | 49         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time                      |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:    |  |                 | 147                         |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                  |
| Total # Children this Date: 71 |  |                 | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                  |

| Building | Playground        | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground - back | 89                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground - side | 32                   | C                     |

**Comments**

The consultant conducted an in person visit in order to conduct a complaint investigation and a follow up visit for any previous citations.

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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Trina Pattullo, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

**Children's Records**

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2020

Corrected on 10/28/2020

.08(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Sign-in and sign-out sheets were observed to be documented correctly.

**Staff Records**

Records Reviewed: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2019

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2020

Staff # 4

Met

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2020

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 10/02/2017

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 01/20/2020

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 03/11/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2017

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2018

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2020

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 03/09/2015

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 07/11/2011

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 11/04/2019

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/9/2020****Corrected on 10/28/2020****.09(1)(j) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All employees had the required comprehensive background check.**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation is deferred due to the annual training for 2019 being reviewed on September 1, 2020 during the center's licensing study visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 10/1/2020**