



**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:** 1/4/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:20 AM    **Departure:** 10:00 AM

**CCLC-38043**

**DECS Childcare School**

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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.  <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.
01/04/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/11/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/30/2017	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
Clubhouse	Clubhouse		0	0	C	33	C	46	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140							
Main	A- Upstairs- Left 1	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	18	C	Art
Main	B- Upstairs-Left 2		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Main	C- Upstairs- Right		0	0	C	32	C	45	C	Not In Use
Main	D- Downstairs- Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	E- Downstairs- Right	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	8	C	28	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Music,Free Play,Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140							
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Infant Toddler	12	C
Main	Playground B- Middle Right	25	C
Main	Playground C- Lower	64	C

Main	Playground D- Middle Left	64	C
Main	Playground E- Bottom	68	C

### Comments

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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

- 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.al.ga.gov/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.

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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>  
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.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Julie Reynolds, Program Official

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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**

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

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.  
Discussed requirement to secure equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

### Health and Hygiene

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Comment**

The consultant observed complete updated emergency plans

**Correction Deadline: 1/9/2018**

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

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

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 16**

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

Staff # 1 **Met**

Date of Hire: 03/02/2015

Staff # 2 **Met**

Date of Hire: 08/08/2017

Staff # 3 **Met**

Date of Hire: 08/29/2016

Staff # 4 **Met**

Date of Hire: 11/08/2017

**Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 09/06/2016	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 03/01/2015	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/24/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/09/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 03/02/2015	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 03/02/2015	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/25/2016	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/09/2017	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 10/13/2017	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 03/02/2015	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 02/16/2015	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 02/07/2017	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 16**

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<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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<b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Health and Safety Training observed for all required staff on this day.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center staff were observed to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.