



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 4/27/2022    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 12:05 PM    **Departure:** 12:40 PM

**CCLC-39308**

**Bacon County Southside 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.  <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.
04/27/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/12/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/18/2019	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
One	One room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story, Transitioning, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 11			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One	One plgr.	88	C

**Comments**

An in person Licensing Study was completed on this day. The center director stated no new staff has been hired since the consultant's last visit. No medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided. The center will upload documents for administrative review by close of business on 05-03-2022. The administrative review was completed on 05-03-2022. The report was discussed with the provider and a copy was emailed to the center.

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/Regulations.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)

Amanda Lankford, Program Official

Date

Connie Boatright, Consultant

Date



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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

Met

#### Comment

The consultant observed age appropriate activities through out the center.

**Correction Deadline:** 4/27/2022

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

Met

#### Comment

Toys and equipment were observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed:** 5

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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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.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

591-1-1-.26(6) - The center director will ensure 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. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children (chipping paint on the two orange and black handles of the springy see saw).

**Correction Deadline: 5/7/2022**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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**Health and Hygiene**

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<b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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<b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies &amp; Procedures</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

<b>Safety</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

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

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<b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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<b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**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.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>Records Reviewed: 3</b>
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<b>Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0</b>
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Staff # 1

Met

**Records Reviewed: 3**

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

Date of Hire: 07/30/2001

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2001

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 12/03/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1**

**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**

Director provided [ ] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% 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.