



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/11/2022    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:20 AM    **Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-49363**

**Calvary Augusta Preschool**

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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.
03/11/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/14/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
08/09/2021	Complaint Investigation & 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
Building 2	First Left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	First Right	One Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Snack
Building 2	Second Left		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	Second Right	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Snack
Building 2	Third Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 2	Third Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds	10	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 70			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	B		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	C		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	D		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	E		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 59			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 129			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Playground B: Right	52	C
Main	Playground A: Left	22	C

#### Comments

A copy of the licensing study report was emailed to the provider. An exit conference was conducted virtually.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/11/2022

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)

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Olga Colon, Program Official

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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that staff break down stacked chairs when children enter the classroom.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(6) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that a variety of toys are offered in all classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 4/10/2022**

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

**N/A**

**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**

The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring all parts of the children's enrollment forms are completed.

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**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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based upon observation that a broom and dust pan were observed accessible to children in the Second Right Classroom. It was further determined that a staff bag was observed on a shelf accessible to children and a bottle of Lysol Spray, Great Value Disposable Gloves, and plastic trash bags were observed in an unlocked drawer accessible to children in the Third Right Classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022**

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant and Director discussed removing any thorny vines along the fence on Playground B:Right.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. 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. It was determined based upon observation that the red house had rust on Playground B:Right. It was further determined that the top of the fence on the back right side of Playground B:Right was rusted on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022**

**Correction Deadline: 8/9/2021**

**Corrected on 3/11/2022**

**.26(9) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the playground to be free of hazards on this date.**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking. It was determined based upon observation that children in the First Right Classroom and Second Right Classroom were observed to be eating suckers causing a choking hazard on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that food for infants and children less than one (1) year of age is cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers is cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022**

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(5) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that perishable items are stored properly.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.18(8) requires that containers of food be stored above the floor on clean surfaces protected from splash and other contamination. Containers for food storage other than the original container or package in which the food was obtained shall be impervious and non-absorbent, have tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled as to contents. It was determined based on observation that a bag of potatoes was observed on the floor of the pantry.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022**

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/9/2021**

**Corrected on 3/11/2022**

.07(5) - Correction of previous citation in that staff did not permit children to wear hazardous items around their necks.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(2) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that staff keep children clean, dry, and comfortable.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022**

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**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)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2021

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 3

Met

Staff # 4

Met

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 11/08/2020

Staff # 7

Met

Staff # 8

Met

Staff # 9

Met

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based upon a review of records that Staff #2 and Staff #10 had one hour of annual training for the 2021 calendar year when ten hours was required. It was also determined that Staff #5 had seven hours of annual training for the 2021 calendar year when ten hours was required.

**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: 12/31/2022****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/9/2022****Corrected on 3/11/2022**

.31(2)(b)2. - Correction of previous citation in that professional learning plans are in place for lead caregivers.

**Staffing and Supervision****591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based upon observation that a two year old child was observed to be housed with a five year old child.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022****591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Not Met**



**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based upon observation that the staff member in the First Right Classroom stepped out of the classroom into the Second Right Classroom to speak with staff in the Second Right Classroom leaving six children unattended.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022**