



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Date:** 9/28/2020    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:05 AM    **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-49701**

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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.  <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.
09/28/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/13/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/05/2019	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
Main	A- 12mths - 35 mths	Infants	2	2	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-12 mths- 35mths	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-6wks-12mths	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D/3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E/3-5 yr olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F- 6 - 9 yrs old		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G upstairs	Six Year Olds and Over	2	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 48			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- 6wks- 35 mths	20	C
Main	B- 3-9 yr olds	47	C

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on September 28, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/28/2020

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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.

**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).

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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Sharon Suitt, Program Official

Date

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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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center did not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk it was observed that the center was in compliance with the licensed capacity. Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/13/2020****Corrected on 9/28/2020**

.10(4) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the previous cite was observed to have been corrected. A new diaper changing area with a portable sink was observed to have been added to the classroom.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center did not dispense/administer medication.

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<b>Organization</b>
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**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/27/2020****Corrected on 9/28/2020**

.16(e) - Previous cite corrected. An amendment was processed for the facility on May 18, 2020.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center did not provide routine transportation.

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

Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 04/24/2017

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/2018

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 11/08/2018

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2014

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 11/19/2019

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2017

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2014

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 09/12/2020

Staff # 18 Met  
Date of Hire: 09/03/2018

Staff # 19 Met  
Date of Hire: 09/02/2014

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director supplied a completed staff profile for review prior to the virtual walk through. Staff criminal records check information was verified in Koala Outback. One new employee was hired since last visit.

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

**Defer**

591-1-1-.14(2)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

**Correction Deadline: 2/12/2020**

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

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

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**Correction Deadline: 1/27/2020**

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

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020

**Staffing and Supervision**

**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed to have maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision observed on this date.