



**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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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 2/1/2022      **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study      **Arrival:** 9:00 AM      **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-54995**

**Calhoun County Child Development Center**

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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.
Date	Visit Type	Designation	
02/01/2022	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.  
**Support** - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.  
**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**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	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	Room B	One Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	Room D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	Room E	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	Room F	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	Room G	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					84	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date: 60			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			84	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - (EHS)	29	C
Main	Playground B	333	C

### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 1, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on February 1, 2022. The exit conference was conducted virtually with the Director. Temporary License will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the consultant. Facility does carry Liability Insurance.

Office conference held on February 1, 2022 with Director and Facility Manager. Center will be placed on a temporary license for 60 days. A second inspection will take place and once all the corrections are complete and the fire certificate of occupancy is obtain a final licensed will be issued.

Final License issued on May 5, 2022. Playground corrections were complete on this date.

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.decal.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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.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.

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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)

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Benny Flowers, Program Official

Date

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Angela Byrd, Consultant

Date



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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please ensure the computer monitors are secured to the tables to keep from being tipped or pulled over.

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on consultant's observation the bathrooms in Room A, B, C, D, E, F, and G are not fully enclosed and do not have proper ventilation.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The program has a capacity of 101 occupants.

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

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children in all classrooms.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 on consultant's observation the playground following hazards were present on the playground.

\* Old equipment that was removed and laying on the playground

\* No resilient surfacing for fall zones under the large play structure and swings

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure the old equipment is removed from the playground and resilient surfacing is added to the fall zones.

**Correction Deadline: 2/11/2022**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on consultant's observation in Room A, B, C, and D there was no functioning exhaust fans or operable window space to provide ventilation for the diapering rooms.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2022**

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

A variance was obtained on this date for warm running water.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures on this date.

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

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

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Comment**

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

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

Four (4) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the visit.

**Correction Deadline: 2/11/2022**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>Records Reviewed: 22</b>	<b>Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0</b>
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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 11	Met

**Records Reviewed: 22**

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

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 12/07/2020

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1**

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

**Comment**

Twenty two (22) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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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 on this date.

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

A supervision plan was created on this date for Rooms A, B, C, D, E, F, and G due to the shape of the classroom.

**Comment**

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