



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/28/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-1385**

**Kids' Stop Learning Center**

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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.
09/28/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/03/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/08/2022	Complaint Closure	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	Left Pre-K Wing-1R	PreK	3	40	C	37	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning,TV
Main	Left Pre-K Wing-End of Hall	PreK	2	20	C	28	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	1L -Right Wing Infant/Toddler Side	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning,Nap
Main	2L- Right Wing-Infant Toddler Side	One Year Olds	1	9	NC	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	3 L-Right Wing	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Transitioning
Main	4L Right Wing	Infants	2	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning,Nap
Main	E- Front Room Upon Entrance	Three Year Olds	2	30	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	Middle Hallway-Back Pre-K		0	0	C	39	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Middle Rm b/f Dining Rm	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 209

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 130

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

<b>Building</b>	<b>Playground</b>	<b>Playground Occupancy</b>	<b>Playground Compliance</b>
Main	back playground (toddler)	25	C
Main	left side (Pre-K/ASP)	81	C
Main	right side playground (infant/toddler)	35	C

**Comments**

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

A Complaint Investigation and Monitoring Visit was completed on September 28, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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 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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) 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.

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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), 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.'

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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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Tracy Howell, Program Official

Date

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Chasity Baugh, Consultant

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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.

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

**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 observation that in the middle back classroom, the first of four restrooms and the fourth of four restrooms did not have operating ventilation. In classroom Left Wing, 1R, the boys bathroom did not have operable ventilation and maintained a foul odor. Additionally in the Left Wing end of hall classroom, the bathroom on the left did not have operable 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: 10/28/2022**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed 91-1-1-.06(6) which requires Center Staff to equip bathrooms with soap.

**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that the boy's bathroom in the Left Wing 1R needed to be disinfected and in classroom left wing end of hall, the bathroom on the left needs to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Consultant discussed 591-1-1-.19(1) which requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity, specifically regarding classroom Pre-K 1R.

**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Health and Hygiene**

**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 observation that the ventilation in classrooms Right Wing, 2L, 3L and 4L did not have functioning ventilation.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning properly.

**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

**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.

**Comment**

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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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.

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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.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2010	

Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 11/18/2019	

Staff # 4	Met
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Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/14/2008	

Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/02/2021	

Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff # 8	Met
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**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 11/16/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 03/12/2018

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 11/04/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2016

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2017

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2020

Staff # 16 Met

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2015

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 11/04/2019

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on observation that a contractor was on the premises during operating hours without being supervised.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will put in place a procedure to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will follow a procedure to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on observation an independent contractor at the center during operating hours, unsupervised.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that in the Right Wing, 2L classroom, one staff member was observed with nine one-year-olds as they transitioned to nap time.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.