



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

**Date:** 11/15/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:50 AM

**Departure:** 1:35 PM

**CCLC-52472**

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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.
11/15/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/29/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
11/19/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Room A	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room E	One Year Olds	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room F	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 70

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 45

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 70

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	33	C

**Comments**

A Licensing Study was completed on November 15, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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/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@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)

Gail Turner, Program Official

Date

Chasity Baugh, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed 591-1-1-.12(7) which requires that toys that launch projectiles, such as dart guns, pop guns, slingshots, etc., not be allowed in the Center and balloons not be accessible to preschool children

**Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022**

**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: 2**

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 3 Met

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 5

Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of records, children files #2 and #4 did not contain the telephone number of the child's primary source of health care provider.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

**Correction Deadline: 11/15/2022****Facility****591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

**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.

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed 591-1-1-.25(14) which requires the areas used for napping be lit dimly.

**Correction Deadline: 12/15/2022****591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

## Health and Hygiene

### 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

**Correction Deadline: 10/19/2021**

**Corrected on 11/15/2022**

**.20(1) - This previous citation in regards to medication authorization was corrected.**

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Discipline was not directly observed, regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with staff members on this date.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

### 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### 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.

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 13**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 01/03/2022

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 08/31/2022

**Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 12/20/2020	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/28/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	Not Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 10/20/2020	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/08/2022	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 09/02/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/23/2022	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/19/2022	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/03/2020	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 05/28/2020	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/30/2022	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0**


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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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<b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**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 on review of documents that staff member #5 did not complete ten (10) clock hours of department approved training for the year 2021.

**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: 12/15/2022**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022**

**Corrected on 11/15/2022**

**.31(2)(b)1 - This previous citation was observed to be corrected.**

**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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.