



**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:** 3/1/2022      **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit      **Arrival:** 10:00 AM      **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-38043**

**DECS Childcare School**

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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.
03/01/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/30/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/11/2021	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
Clubhouse	Clubhouse	GA PreK	2	16	C	33	C	46	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140							
Main	A- Upstairs- Left 1	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	18	C	Centers
Main	B- Upstairs-Left 2		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Centers
Main	C- Upstairs- Right	Four Year Olds and GA PreK	2	19	C	32	C	45	C	Centers
Main	D- Downstairs- Left		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- Downstairs- Right	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers, Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140							
Total # Children this Date: 54			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Infant Toddler	12	C
Main	Playground B- Middle Right	25	C
Main	Playground C- Lower	64	C
Main	Playground D- Middle Left	64	C

**Comments**

A virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date with the director due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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.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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Julie Reynolds, 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 on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. A virtual walk through of classrooms was conducted and A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. The director stated that the Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the Virtual Walk Through, the Licensed capacity was observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. A virtual walk through of the center reflected that it appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. The playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

### Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the Virtual Walk Through proper diapering procedures were observed.

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

A Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the Virtual walk proper hand washing was observed throughout the center.

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

TA Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. The provider stated that medication is not currently dispensed/administered.

**Safety****591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to covid-19 Pandemic. Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

A Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. The director stated that the center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

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

A virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 18****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/18/2020

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 02/16/2015

Staff # 4

Met

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2015

**Records Reviewed: 18****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

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Staff # 6	Not Met
Date of Hire: 02/07/2017	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2015	
Staff # 8	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2016	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 02/02/2021	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 09/06/2016	
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2015	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2021	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 09/18/2020	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

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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**

A Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

<b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based upon interviews and review of records that the teacher in the preschool classroom did not have credentials as required..

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

A teacher/lead care giver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience. The Teacher is working on her CDA, but classes were suspended during the Pandemic. The Teacher will obtain and maintain required credentials as required.

**Correction Deadline: 3/1/2022**

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Adequate supervision observed on this date.