



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 1/9/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:40 AM    **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-35766**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
01/09/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing

**Compliance Zone Designation** - 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.

**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	1R-Freshman III	Infants	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	1st L Infants		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2nd R Sophmores II	One Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	3rd L E-SophmoresIII	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	3rd R Pre-K	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	4th L-Sophmores IV	Four Year Olds	1	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	4th R Junior I	GA PreK	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	5L Kindergarten	Five Year Olds	1	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	5th R Afterschool	Four Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	6th R Afterschoolers	Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	C-Sophomores I	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Homework

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 149

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 183

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

LS completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/09/2023

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.

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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)



#### 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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Bridgett Friend, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute due to rain.

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the playground outdoor equipment is free of lead-based paint and free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. The tan, green, and burgundy climbing structures had small pieces of rust exposed at the top of the stairway on the first right side and second left side of the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

**Comment**

The center currently does not dispense and administer medication at this time.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Comment**

Program observed to have completed emergency drills for 2022 on this date.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time.

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in T6613 was completed on April 18, 2022. Vehicle with tag number ending in H6222 was purchased in December of 2022. Vehicle with tag number ending in CT6612 was not in use at this time; however, the inspection was completed on April 15, 2022.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Comment**

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

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff members on this date.

**Staff Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since the last visit which was completed on August 16, 2022.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required annual staff training from 2022 was completed as required.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.