



**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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**Date:** 1/25/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-49916**

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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.
01/25/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/11/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/01/2022	Licensing Study	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	A-1R- 3's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-1L-2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-1L Back-1's	One Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-2L-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-Back Left-4's	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	8	C	23	C	33	C	Nap
Main	F-Back Right- 3's &4's	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	24	C	33	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120							
Total # Children this Date: 48			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	24	C
Main	PG B	94	C
Main	PG C	55	C

**Comments**

LS completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/25/2023

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.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.

#### 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)



#### 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.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Jacquelyn Dunn, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

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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)**

**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)**

**Met**

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the center is kept in good repair as consultant discussed with the director to ensure discolored ceiling tiles were replaced throughout the center classrooms. There were no leaks present on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 1/25/2023**

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

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

**Comment**

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

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**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Comment**

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required for 2022.

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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<b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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<b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for both vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in B7511 and Y8649 was completed on August 12, 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.

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

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

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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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 on this date.

**Comment**

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on July 11, 2022.

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<b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

**Comment**

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

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<b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2022.

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<b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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**

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