



**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:** 7/11/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 12:00 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.
07/11/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/01/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/09/2021	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
Main	A-1R- 3's	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B-1L-2's	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C-1L Back-1's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D-2L-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E-Back Left-4's	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	23	C	33	C	Free Play
Main	F-Back Right- 3's &4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	24	C	33	C	Music

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120

Total # Children this Date: 49

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**

Administrative review was completed on July 25, 2022. The report was emailed to the director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/11/2022

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.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.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.

### 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)

Jacquelyn Dunn, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

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**

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 at this time.

#### 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.

**591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure playground equipment is free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazards to the children. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the stairways on the red, yellow and blue climbing structure and the blue climbing structure with the yellow slide is in good repair as required.

**Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure all climbing and swinging equipment has a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone areas from such equipment. Resilient surface must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the playgrounds are free of potential hazards. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the black pipes surrounding the playground areas are connected and in good repair. Consultant also discussed with the director to ensure the mats are level to the ground to prevent potential tripping hazards. There were no children present on the playground due to rain on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/11/2022**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>
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**Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>
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**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

<b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b>
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**Met**

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete on this date.

<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies &amp; Procedures</b>
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**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022**

**Corrected on 7/11/2022**

**Correction of citation in that the emergency drills, tornado and fire drills were up to date as required for 2022.**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

<b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b>
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**Met**

**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for June 30, 2022 and July 6, 2022.

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

**Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag numbers ending in B7511 and E5171 were completed on August 7, 2021.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed from May 16, 2022 through May 27, 2022.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**Comment**

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

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 18****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 01/30/2011

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 06/02/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 09/27/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/30/2011

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 01/30/2011

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 02/14/2022

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2012

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 02/21/2022

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2015

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2013

Staff # 14 Met

**Records Reviewed: 18**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 01/30/2011

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2014

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 05/28/2019

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 01/30/2011

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 01/08/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Director provided two files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on March 1, 2022.

**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.