



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

**Date:** 3/14/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:15 AM

**CCLC-23064**

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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.
03/14/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/24/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/03/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	A- 3's	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	B- 3's	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	C- 2's	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Centers
Main	D- 18m-24m	One Year Olds	2	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	E- 2's	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F- 5's	Five Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	G-	Infants	4	19	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Free Play
Main	H- 4's	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	I-	One Year Olds	2	13	C	11	NC	NA	NA	Story,Free Play
Main	J- Kindergarten	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 161	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 135			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 161			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Playground	113	C

### Comments

The consultant conducted a virtual Licensing Study visit on this date. Resources were also emailed to the program as discussed with the director.

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/Regulations.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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Donna Harris, Program Official

Date

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La Tonya Bonner, 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.

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

**Comment**  
Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Comment**  
Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**Comment**  
Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Discussed movement of children to maintain capacities in room D.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children in room C. We discussed installing a shelf or hook to hang the plastic tub of diapering items.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair during the virtual visit on this date.

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**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.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection are the center's discipline practice.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(2) - Discussed Safe Sleep and Items in cribs with children. Please ensure staff are mindful of items in cribs with children and ensure they are never in a crib with a sleeping child.

**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022**

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 46****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 03/10/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2008	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/11/2008	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 11/20/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2021	
Staff # 10	Met

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Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 04/27/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/09/2008	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 06/11/2020	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 06/12/2020	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 04/05/2021	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 03/12/2019	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 09/15/2020	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 12/20/2017	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 11/01/2008	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 02/28/2019	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 06/25/2017	Met
Staff # 26	Met

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Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2019	
Staff # 29	Met
Staff # 30	Met
Staff # 31	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2008	
Staff # 32	Met
Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2008	
Staff # 34	Met
Date of Hire: 07/07/2021	
Staff # 35	Met
Date of Hire: 07/22/2021	
Staff # 36	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2019	
Staff # 37	Met
Staff # 38	Met
Staff # 39	Met
Staff # 40	Met
Date of Hire: 03/11/2021	
Staff # 41	Met
Date of Hire: 03/17/2011	
Staff # 42	Met
Staff # 43	Met
Staff # 44	Met
Staff # 45	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2019	



Staff # 46

Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2008

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date during the virtual visit.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date during the virtual visit.