



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

**Date:** 9/27/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-24380**

**Effingham County YMCA**

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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.
09/27/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/26/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/19/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Kid Gym		0	0	C	259	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm A, Pre-k	PreK	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm, B	Three Year Olds	3	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	0	C
Main	School Age	88	C

**Comments**

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)

Ariel Savarese, Program Official

Date

Haley Carwile, 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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the flat, blue bridge on the big climber was rusted and the paint was peeling. In addition, the concrete slab by the exit doors, was not flush with the ground and posed a tripping hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 9/27/2022**

## Health and Hygiene

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

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

### 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

#### Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.05 Animals

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

### 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

### 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

## Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 12/06/2017

Staff # 2

Met

Staff # 3

Met

**Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 07/20/2022

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

Staff # 4

Met

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 06/21/2021

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2017

Staff # 7

Met

Staff # 8

Met

Staff # 9

Met

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 05/25/2022

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2022

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

Staff # 12

Met

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 10/08/2018

Staff # 14

Met

Staff # 15

Met

Staff # 16

Met

Staff # 17

Met

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2022

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2026

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

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 03/24/2021

Staff # 21

Met

**Records Reviewed: 26**

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

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Met

Staff # 26 Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

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

**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

**Correction Deadline: 8/26/2022**

**Corrected on 9/27/2022**

**.32(2) - Observed appropriate child staff ratios on this date.**

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.