



**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:** 6/6/2022    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 1:00 PM    **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-15140**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
06/06/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/22/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
01/05/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	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
KK	Far Left Back	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
KK	Far Left Front	Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
KK	Far Left Middle	Five Year Olds	2	15	C	33	C	NA	NA	Centers
KK	Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	110	C	25	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 94					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	Front Left	Infants	2	5	C	28	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Front right		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Left Back Back	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Left Back Front	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Right Back	Four Year Olds	2	9	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 114					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 181			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 208			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Joyland Playground	186	C
Main	Playground-Kids Castle	259	C

**Comments**

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/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@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)

Carrie Lacey, Program Official

Date

Stephanie Clark, Consultant

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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**

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

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

**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**

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

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

**Comment**

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/1/2019**

**Corrected on 6/6/2022**

**.13(6) - Field trip documents observed to be corrected on this date.**

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

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 29**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 07/19/2021

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2014

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 11/09/2018

Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 06/01/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/07/2018	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 03/10/2022	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 02/03/2021	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 11/18/2019	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 10/21/1999	Met
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 05/25/2018	Met
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 10/01/2020	Met

**Records Reviewed: 29**

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

Staff # 28

Met

Staff # 29

Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2001

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

**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**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

**The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:**

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/5/2022**

**Corrected on 6/6/2022**

**.03(9) - Proper equipment and supervision was observed on this date.**