



**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:** 3/30/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 1:00 PM

**Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-436**

**Starr's Mill Academy Preschool and Childcare Center**

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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.
03/30/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/23/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/20/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	

  

<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.

**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	1st Left	Infants	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	1st Right	Infants	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2nd Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd Left	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd Right	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4th left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4th Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5th Left	GA PreK	2	21	C	25	C	35	C	Nap
Main	5th Right	GA PreK	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	6th Left	GA PreK	2	21	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	6th Right	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	25	C	35	C	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 224

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Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 165

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 224

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 224

Building @25 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG :eft Rear	143	C
Main	PG left Front	15	C
Main	PG right Front	22	C
Main	PG Right Rear	216	C

## Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/30/2022

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.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)

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Ramelle Dinofer, Program Official

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

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

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

#### Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

### 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(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was inadequate mulch under the swings and big gym sets on the Toddler and Pre-K Playgrounds.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency. Director provided invoice where she recently ordered mulch on March 29, 2022.

**Health and Hygiene**

**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 throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**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**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 60**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 06/30/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 01/16/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2020

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 10/11/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 09/20/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 04/24/2014	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 10/01/2020	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 10/26/2018	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28	Met

Staff # 29	Met
Staff # 30	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2018	
Staff # 31	Met
Staff # 32	Met
Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2020	
Staff # 34	Met
Staff # 35	Met
Staff # 36	Met
Staff # 37	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2019	
Staff # 38	Met
Staff # 39	Met
Staff # 40	Met
Staff # 41	Met
Staff # 42	Met
Staff # 43	Met
Staff # 44	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2019	
Staff # 45	Met
Date of Hire: 12/16/2019	
Staff # 46	Met
Staff # 47	Met
Staff # 48	Met
Staff # 49	Met
Date of Hire: 05/15/2001	

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

Staff # 50 Date of Hire: 04/18/2018	Met
Staff # 51	Met
Staff # 52	Met
Staff # 53	Met
Staff # 54	Met
Staff # 55	Met
Staff # 56	Met
Staff # 57 Date of Hire: 10/20/2017	Met
Staff # 58	Met
Staff # 59 Date of Hire: 11/27/2020	Met
Staff # 60	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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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.

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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.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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<b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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