



**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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**Date:** 7/13/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

**CCLC-13720**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<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.
07/13/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/03/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/02/2023	Complaint Investigation & 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	1L	Infants	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	1L		0	0	C	39	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	1R PreK		0	0	C	39	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2L	One Year Olds	1	3	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2R-PreK		0	0	C	46	C	64	C	Not In Use
Main	3L	One Year Olds	2	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	30	C	NA	NA	Story, Circle Time
Main	4L	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Center-L	Six Year Olds and Over	3	10	C	28	C	NA	NA	Field Trip, Transitioning
Main	Center-R	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 295

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295

Total # Children this Date: 48

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant	39	C
Main	Preschool	72	C
Main	School Age	248	C

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on February 2, 2023. The consultant was unable to close out the regulatory visit report due to an error in the system. The consultant will email the provider an official copy of the visit report upon correcting the error.

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.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

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)



### 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.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Jennifer Poole, Program Official

Date

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Margarita Collier, CCS Coordinator

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Monitor toys and equipment for normal wear and tear.

**591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

**591-1-1.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Technical Assistance**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children (i.e., diapering wipes, lotions, sunscreen, etc.).

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**

**Corrected on 7/13/2023**

**Rule 591-1-1-.25(3) - Physical Plant - Safe Environment - was not a previous citation. The initial citation notated on the center's monitoring visit report completed on February 8, 2023, was removed per the center's approved refutation.**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazardous items:

- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., bees, ant mounds, etc.).
- Loose and/or weak tree branches.
- Exposed tree roots.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment.
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**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**

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**

**Corrected on 7/13/2023**

**The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the children to wash their hands upon exiting the restrooms.**

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2023**

**Corrected on 7/13/2023**

**The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the staff members to wash their hands upon cleaning the classroom equipment during nap time.**

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

## Policies and Procedures

### 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

#### Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

### 591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

#### Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

## 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)

Met

#### Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Met

#### Comment

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

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

#### Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

#### Technical Assistance

Please ensure to monitor mats and crib sheets for normal wear and tear.

## Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

The director provided nine files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on February 2, 2023. The consultant observed nine of nine newly hired staff members to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

### 591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Defer

#### Defer

The previous citation was observed deferred due to nine of nine newly hired staff members still being within their 90-day time frame to complete the required first aid and CPR training.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

**Correction Deadline: 3/4/2023**

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<b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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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.

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

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.03 Activities</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023**

**Corrected on 7/13/2023**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant did not observe any staff members to allow children to engage in any activities that could be detrimental to the children's health and wellbeing.