



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Date:** 8/14/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-4279**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/14/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/15/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/13/2022	Complaint 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
Main	A	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B	One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	C	One Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play
Main	D	Infants	2	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Main	E	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	24	C	TV
Main	F	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	17	C	24	C	Transitioning
Main	G-PreK	GA PreK	2	16	C	26	C	36	C	Free Play,Homework
Main	H		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	Not In Use
Main	I		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 141					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 177					
Total # Children this Date: 74			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 141			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 177				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	OUTSIDE	126	C

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow-up to the previous visit conducted on February 15, 2023.

Background checks were observed on this date for all staff members present.

The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the Monitoring Visit report was given to the Director on August 14, 2023.

Consultant provided contact information on this date.

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.al.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.

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#### 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.

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

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Jean Charles, Program Official

Date

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Shannon Curtis, Process & QI Unit Consultant

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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.

**Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023**

**Corrected on 8/14/2023**

**Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed repairs on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Director to repaint the tree roots to alert possible tripping hazards on this date.

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**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**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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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**

**Comment**

Consultant observed field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date. Per discussion with the Director the program only participates in summer months field trips.

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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 for bus #2 and bus #4 on this date as of August 7, 2023.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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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.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**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.

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Director to monitor the mats for any tears on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2023**

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all staff present at the facility on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.