



**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:** 12/10/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-18**

**Childcare Network #118**

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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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 12/10/2024                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/26/2024                         | TA Follow Up    | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/28/2024                         | Initial-TA      | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building                       | Room                  | Age Group                          | Staff                           | Children | NC/C                          | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Building 1                     | 2nd Left              | Infants and One Year Olds          | 4                               | 10       | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Diapering              |
| Building 1                     | Back Left             |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           |                                   |
| Building 1                     | Ft. Hallway Left Side | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                               | 17       | C                             | 28         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,Centers                 |
| Building 1                     | Ft. Left              | One Year Olds                      | 1                               | 7        | C                             | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                         |
|                                |                       |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81  |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                   |
| Building 2                     | Back Left             | Three Year Olds                    | 3                               | 18       | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Music,Transitioning,Circle Time   |
| Building 2                     | Back Right            | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 18       | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,Centers                 |
| Building 2                     | Front Right           | One Year Olds                      | 2                               | 11       | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,Transitioning,Diapering |
|                                |                       |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 61  |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                   |
| Total # Children this Date: 81 |                       |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 142 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                   |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |                |                |                |                |                           |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Under 1 years</b>     | <b>1 years</b> | <b>2 years</b> | <b>3 years</b> | <b>4 years</b> | <b>5 years (Prekonly)</b> | <b>5 years and older</b> |
| 5                        | 21             | 23             | 36             | 14             | 6                         | 24                       |

#### **Comments**

December 10, 2024--The Licensing Study was conducted on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/10/2024

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



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed ensuring equipment and furniture was cleaned, in addition to toys.

**Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

**591-1-1.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1.06(7) requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that there was standing urine at the base of the toilet and toilet paper on the bathroom floor in the Front Hallyway Left Side classroom with three-year-old children. Further, the toilet in the schoolage classroom had a black ring present in the toilet bowl.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to ensure that bathrooms are cleaned and disinfected daily and that this is monitored daily.

**Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024**

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**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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that each toilet that was used by children had exposed screws longer than three threads at the base of the toilet. Further, the bottom of the door was broken in the front right room with the half wall. Also, the doors and walls were dirty in the front hallway left side classroom with three-year-old children present. In addition, the wall inside the schoolage classroom was spackled and was in need of painting.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024**

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

The Consultant discussed with the Director to empty standing water that occurred from rain on December 9, 2024, out of any equipment before children were present on the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024**

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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**

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

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**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.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that staff members in two separate classrooms wiped children's noses and did not wash their hands afterwards.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024**

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

The Director stated that no medications were administered since the last regulatory visit.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024**

**Corrected on 12/10/2024**

Director stated they were aware that they have 24 hours to report any incident in which a child received professional medical attention.

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that there was a hole in the back of the second left seat and the third right seat for the vehicle that ended in 9275. Further, the coating was missing from the corner of the second left seat and the first right seat for the vehicle that ended in M452. Also, the seat belt was cut on the third left seat for the bus that ended in 9275.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 12/11/2024**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**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.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**591-1-1-.28 Prohibited Substances****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed ensuring staff followed the use of prohibited substances policy.

**Correction Deadline: 12/10/2024**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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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**

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024**

**Corrected on 12/10/2024**

**Children were observed to be supervised on this date.**