



**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:** 8/7/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

**CCLC-3559**

**Care-A-Lot Learning Center II**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <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. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 08/07/2024                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/26/2024                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/06/2023                  | 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)               | Infants                            | 1     | 6        | C                              | 6          | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play  |
| Main                           | 1R (three years)           | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1     | 10       | C                              | 14         | C            | 20         | C            | Free Play   |
| Main                           | 2L (one-two years)         | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 1     | 6        | C                              | 5          | NC           | NA         | NA           | Circle Time |
| Main                           | Back Right (one-two years) |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                              | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           |             |
| Main                           | Far Right (4-12 years)     |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                              | 20         | C            | 27         | C            |             |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 61 |                            |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 61 |            |              |            |              |             |
| Total # Children this Date: 22 |                            |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 61 |            |              |            |              |             |

| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A | 40                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B | 30                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground C | 33                   | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose of the visit on this date was for license Study. This visit was completed by Lead TA for purposes of on boarding a new Consultant.

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 user id 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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**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.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2024

Corrected on 8/7/2024

.08(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be correct on this date.

**Evening Care**

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

Met

**Comment**

No evening care hours provided during the time of consultant visit.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - The Director will ensure the fencing is tightly fitted and secure to ensure no entrapments to children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined [ was determined by consultant observation that the playground had an excessive number of windows on the playground near the storage building that posed a hazard to the safety of children in care. It was further determined that the playground had exposed brick sticking up from the ground that posed a tripping and potential cutting hazard to children in care. ]

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 8/9/2024**

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**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**

Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

**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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**Correction Deadline: 2/5/2024**

**Corrected on 8/7/2024**

.36(3)(a-b) - This citation was observed to be correct on this date. Evidence of transportation was observed on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2024**

**Corrected on 8/7/2024**

.36(4)(a) - This citation was determined to be correct on this date for vehicle Tag #REN3317.

**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 by consultant's observation the white van tag# REU3317 the second row seat at the top on the back of the second row seat had holes exposing the seat cushion.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 9/6/2024**

**Recited on 8/7/2024**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined by consultant observation the fire extinguisher yellow service tag was dated February 2020 on both vans tag# REU3317 and PTY8798 were not serviced annually as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

**Correction Deadline: 8/13/2024**

**Recited on 8/7/2024**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/5/2024**

**Corrected on 8/7/2024**

**.14(3) - This citation was observed to be correct on this date. Consultant observed first aid Kit.**

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

**Defer**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)-

This citation will be reviewed during the next visit to ensure corrected by 12/31/2024.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 2/25/2024**

**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/26/2024**

**Corrected on 8/7/2024**

**.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No employee was observed on their cell phone.**