



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/8/2021    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-55295**

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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. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12/08/2021                         | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/08/2021                         | Initial Licensing Study                    | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/22/2021                         | Incident Investigation & Follow Up         | 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                            | A: 2R: Infant                  |                                   | 0                               | 0        | C    | 26         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use    |
| Main                            | C: 3R: One Year Olds           | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds   | 2                               | 12       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | E: 4R: Two Year Olds           | Two Year Olds                     | 3                               | 16       | C    | 32         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | F: 1M: Four and Five Year Olds | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 2                               | 19       | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | G: 2M: Three Year Olds         | Three Year Olds                   | 2                               | 17       | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | H: 3M: Three Year Olds         | Three Year Olds                   | 1                               | 14       | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | I: 1R: Four and Five Year Olds | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 2                               | 21       | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | J: 1L: Four Year Olds          | Four Year Olds                    | 1                               | 12       | C    | 26         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | K: 2L: ASP                     |                                   | 0                               | 0        | C    | 38         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use    |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 233 |                                |                                   | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |               |
| Total # Children this Date: 111 |                                |                                   | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 233 |          |      |            |              |            |              |               |
|                                 |                                |                                   | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |               |

| Building | Playground          | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A: 6 wk - 12 month  | 10                   | C                     |
| Main     | B: 6 wk - 2 yr olds | 33                   | C                     |
| Main     | C: 3 to 12 yr olds  | 23                   | C                     |

### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 8, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted December 8, 2021. The exit conference was conducted by telephone on January 13, 2022. Temporary License will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the consultant. Facility Does Carry Liability Insurance.

Renewable License will be issued upon receipt of Fire Inspection.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>

Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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Kellie Strickland, Program Official

Date

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Twylah Tyner, 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**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

**Facility**

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 233 children. A temporary license will be issued. Fire inspection needed for the Final Renewable License.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**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**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

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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**

Discussed medication documentation, administration and storage.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Appropriate discipline was observed.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

Current vehicle information, first aid kit and fire extinguisher were observed.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Seven (7) of seven (7) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2012 and 2013.

Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the Director during the inspection visit.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Twenty-one (21) of twenty-one staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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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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**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.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.