



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 4/9/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:50 AM Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-58068

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Quality Rated: No

| 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. |
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| 04/09/2024                  | Licensing Study         | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/13/2023                  | Monitoring Visit        | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/04/2023                  | Initial Licensing Study | 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      |
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| Main Building                  | A - 1st Right | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 2                              | 15       | C    | 37         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play  |
| Main Building                  | B - 2nd Right | Two Year Olds                                         | 2                              | 9        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play  |
| Main Building                  | C - Back      |                                                       | 0                              | 0        | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main Building                  | D - 1st Left  | One Year Olds                                         | 2                              | 5        | C    | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play  |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96 |               |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 29 |               |                                                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96 |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |
|                                |               |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |

| Building      | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main Building | Playground A | 55                   | C                     |

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

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/Regulations.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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Yolanda Killens, Program Official

Date

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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.

**Comment**

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

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**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.

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| <b>591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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| <b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.15 Food Service &amp; Nutrition</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Comment**

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

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| <b>591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Discussed proper steps for dishwashing.

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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| <b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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| <b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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| <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

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

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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| <b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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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.

**Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

**Comment**

591-1-1-.33(4) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the director and the cook take the food preparation four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing, and food storage.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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| 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) | Met |
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**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.