



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/13/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:20 PM

**CCLC-37405**

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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. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11/13/2024                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/19/2024                  | 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                            | A-1L-109- Tiny Tappers   |                                   | 0                               | 0        | C    | 11                                                   | C            | NA         | NA           |                    |
| Main                            | B-2L-108 -Tiny Tappers   | One Year Olds                     | 2                               | 9        | C    | 12                                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning      |
| Main                            | C-3L-107G                | Two Year Olds                     | 2                               | 9        | C    | 11                                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning      |
| Main                            | D-4L-106                 | Two Year Olds                     | 1                               | 9        | C    | 17                                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch              |
| Main                            | E-5R- Shooting Stars B   | Three Year Olds                   | 1                               | 6        | C    | 14                                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside            |
| Main                            | F-4R- Shooting Stars A   | Three Year Olds                   | 1                               | 8        | C    | 10                                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside            |
| Main                            | G-3R-103D-Show Kids      | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 1                               | 9        | C    | 12                                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside            |
| Main                            | H-2R-Tiny Tappers A      | One Year Olds                     | 1                               | 4        | C    | 8                                                    | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play         |
| Main                            | I-1R- Tiny Dreamers      | Infants and One Year Olds         | 2                               | 6        | C    | 17                                                   | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Feeding |
| Main                            | M-2 floor-School age/Art | Five Year Olds                    | 12                              | 3        | C    | 7                                                    | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play          |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116 |                          |                                   | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      | Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department |              |            |              |                    |
| Total # Children this Date: 63  |                          |                                   | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0                        |              |            |              |                    |

| Building | Playground                    | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | B- All Ages-Left side of Bldg | 66                   | C                     |

|      |                        |    |   |
|------|------------------------|----|---|
| Main | Playgd A- Back of Bldg | 15 | C |
|------|------------------------|----|---|

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 11                | 12      | 20      | 10      | 6       | 0                  | 8                 |

#### Comments

Licensing study completed on November 13, 2024.

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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(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

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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)

Not Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Finding

591-1-1.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in classroom 108 behind the diaper changing table on a low shelf were "Desitin" diaper cream and a first aid kit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. Items were moved to be inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024**

**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 the following items needed to be repaired:

Playground- The first storage building door was not closed completely with 12 exposed nail heads and wood flooring with splinters.

The ballroom

There was one hole on the right side of the room behind the benches measuring two inches width by four inches that needed covering.

There was one hole to the left of the door measuring four inches by four inches.

There was one outlet cover on the right side of the room behind the benches that was broken with rough edges.

**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: 11/20/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please continue to monitor all cords in use to ensure they are inaccessible to children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please continue to monitor the green resilient surfacing for wear and repair when needed.

**Correction Deadline: 11/23/2024**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Met**

**Comment**

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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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**

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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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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**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Please continue to monitor the mats and replace when worn with exposed foam.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024**

**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.

**Comment**

Director provided 4 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

**Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024**

**Corrected on 11/13/2024**

**.09(1)(a) - Correction observed on this date. Current staff had completed fingerprints as required.**

**Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024**

**Corrected on 11/13/2024**

**.09(1)(c) - Correction observed on this date. CRCs were valid.**

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

**Comment**

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

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

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591-1-1-.33(5)-Defer until December 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: 12/31/2024**

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

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2024

Corrected on 11/13/2024

.32(1) - Correction observed on this date. Ratios were met.

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

Met

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.