**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**
**Atlanta, GA 30334**
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**Date:** 12/21/2023 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-62442**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 12/21/2023 | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |

**Compliance Zone Designation** - 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.

**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
**Support** - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**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 | 2L-CR-B 4 year olds | Four Year Olds | 1 | 1 | C | 26 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 1 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | Playground B | 29 | C |

**Comments**
An Administrative Review was conducted on December 21, 2023. Staff files, children's files, training, and background check were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on this date. The provider was granted Permission to Operate. The facility does carry Liability Insurance

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.decal.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at http://www.decal.ga.gov/ or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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 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)

QUALITY RATED CHILD CARE

CAPS

**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 a1 855-800-7747 or** qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

Teresa Hicks, Program Official Date

Yolanda Harris, Application Services Unit Consultant Date

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**The following information is associated with a Initial 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 on this date.

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

**Comment**
Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site on this date.

## Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(2)-Immunization

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(2)-Immunization

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

**Technical Assistance**
Please ensure that Center Staff maintain a file for each child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations for each child enrolled in the center on a form approved by the Department

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023**

## Facility

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

**Comment**
Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date. License capacity is 78 children.

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

**Comment**
Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

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

**Comment**
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

**Technical Assistance**
Please ensure fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route.

**Correction Deadline: 12/21/2023**

## Health and Hygiene

**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 on this date.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

**Comment**
Discussed proper medication documentation, administration, storage and procedures.

## Safety

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

**Comment**
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

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

**Comment**
A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.
A bus and a van was observed on this date. Complete files were observed.

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

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

**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.

## 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-.31 Staff(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## Staffing and Supervision

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

**Comment**
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**
A supervision plan was created on this date for traveling to the playground area from the building and travel to the bathrooms located in the hallway away from the rooms.

**Comment**
Adequate supervision observed on this date.