



**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:** 10/4/2024 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 8:15 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-63978**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| Compliance Zone Designation |                         |               | 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.                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/04/2024                  | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                             |                         |               | <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. |

**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building                        | Room          | Age Group | Staff                           | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF.                    | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Back Building                   | A-First Room  |           | 0                               | 0        | NC   | 31                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Back Building                   | B-Middle Room |           | 0                               | 0        | NC   | 31                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Back Building                   | C-Back Room   |           | 0                               | 0        | NC   | 31                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 93  |               |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |       |
| Main Building                   | A-1st Left    |           | 0                               | 0        | NC   | 16                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main Building                   | B-2nd Left    |           | 0                               | 0        | NC   | 27                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main Building                   | C-3rd Left    |           | 0                               | 0        | NC   | 13                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main Building                   | D-Middle      |           | 0                               | 0        | NC   | 39                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main Building                   | E-3rd Right   |           | 0                               | 0        | NC   | 17                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main Building                   | F-2nd Right   |           | 0                               | 0        | NC   | 20                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main Building                   | G-1st Right   |           | 0                               | 0        | NC   | 24                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 156 |               |           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |       |
| Total # Children this Date: 0   |               |           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 249 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |       |

| Building      | Playground               | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Back Building | Back                     | 13                   | C                     |
| Back Building | Back Middle              | 66                   | C                     |
| Back Building | Front                    | 44                   | C                     |
| Back Building | Middle                   | 21                   | C                     |
| Back Building | Right-Hard Surface/Track | 11                   | C                     |

#### Comments

An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on October 4, 2024. Permission to Operate issued on this date. Facility does not 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.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

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.dec.al.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.

#### 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 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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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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. A swimming pool was observed onsite however it will not be used at anytime, the gate is observed to be chained and locked.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The overall licensed capacity is 249 children.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

- Please ensure that pest control spray all classrooms for ants.
- Please ensure that all lights have covers.
- Please ensure that all toilet bowls with protruding screws have cap covers.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

- Please ensure that pest control sprays all playgrounds for ants.
- Please ensure that all water gutters are covered due to exposed sharp edges.
- Please cover tripping hazards on hard surface and playground area on back playground.

**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the owner on this date.

**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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the owner on this date.

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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-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the owner on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**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. Twelve (12) cribs manufactured in 2021 were observed in classroom A and twelve (12) cribs, four manufactured in June 2022 and eight manufactured in November 2023 were observed in classroom C meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM).

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**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. Four (4) of four (4) 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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**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the owner on this date.

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

A supervision plan was created on this date for all diapering rooms due to the position of the changing station.

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.