



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/8/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:35 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-18446**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                           |               | <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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| 07/08/2024                         | Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/24/2024                         | POI Follow Up                             | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/13/2024                         | MV POI Follow Up                          | Support       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**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                            | Back Right         | Two Year Olds   | 1     | 10       | C                               | 21         | C            | 29         | C            | Breakfast, Centers               |
| Main                            | First Back Left    | One Year Olds   | 2     | 8        | C                               | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                          |
| Main                            | First Front Right  |                 | 0     | 0        | C                               | 16         | C            | 22         | C            |                                  |
| Main                            | Front Left         |                 | 0     | 0        | C                               | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |                                  |
| Main                            | Middle Back        | Three Year Olds | 1     | 10       | C                               | 21         | C            | 29         | C            | Breakfast, Circle Time           |
| Main                            | Second Back Left   | Infants         | 2     | 7        | C                               | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play, Breakfast, Diapering |
| Main                            | Second Front Right | Four Year Olds  | 1     | 9        | C                               | 16         | C            | 22         | C            | Breakfast                        |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125 |                    |                 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 125 |            |              |            |              |                                  |
| Total # Children this Date: 44  |                    |                 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 125 |            |              |            |              |                                  |

| Building | Playground       | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | Front Right Yard | 35                   | C                     |
| Main     | Left Yard        | 21                   | C                     |
| Main     | Rear Play Yard   | 48                   | C                     |
| Main     | Right Rear Yard  | 14                   | C                     |

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Visit. The Complaint was not closed on this date.

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.

### 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!**



(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(3) - Please ensure that the art easel in classroom Main Middle Back is not leaning against the wall and open and accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(12) - The Consultant and the Director discussed placing air purifiers out of reach of children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2024

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2024

Corrected on 7/8/2024

591-1-1-.25(13) - Correction of previous citation in that potentially hazardous equipment was inaccessible to children on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant and the Director discussed resilient surfacing on playground Rear Play Yard on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Correction Deadline: 6/24/2024**

**Corrected on 7/8/2024**

.17(7) - Correction of previous citation in that children washed their hands with warm running water and liquid hand soap before eating breakfast and after diaper changes on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 6/24/2024**

**Corrected on 7/8/2024**

.17(8) - Correction of previous citation in that staff members were observed to wash their hands with warm running water and liquid hand soap before diaper changes, after diaper changes, and before serving children breakfast on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**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**

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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-.33 Staff Training</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(3) - The Consultant and the Director discussed the requirements for Health and Safety Orientation training on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024**

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| <b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.