



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/4/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM

**Departure:** 12:40 PM

**CCLC-30701**

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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. |
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| 12/04/2023                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/07/2023                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/06/2022                  | 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                       |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Main                           | Room A: 3-4 yr olds    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                           | 8        | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers, Story, Circle Time |
| Main                           | Room B: 1-2 yr olds    | Infants and One Year Olds          | 1                           | 7        | NC                            | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding, Centers            |
| Main                           | Room C: 2 yr           | Two Year Olds                      | 1                           | 6        | C                             | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                     |
| Main                           | Room D: 3-12 year olds |                                    | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                  |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:    |                        |                                    | 65                          |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                             |
| Total # Children this Date: 21 |                        |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                             |

| Building | Playground                         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A: Infant - 2 year olds | 19                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B: 3-12 yrs             | 29                   | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose for today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Technical Assistance was provided in the area of Facility and Safety. All questions were answered and a copy of the report was provided during the exit conference.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/04/2023

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

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Tracy Mozley, Program Official

Date

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with the director-owner to ensure the Center keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. one of the classrooms observed had a lesson plan posted from the previous month.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

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

Met

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following items presented a tipping hazard in Room B: 1-2 yr olds:

(10) ten gallon gold fish tank  
19" inch flat screen television

Both pieces of equipment were located on a low shelf, in reach of children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with the director-owner to ensure to equip bathrooms with soap, toilet tissue and single-use towels or cloth towels used only once between launderings.

**Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023****Comment**

Consultant discussed with director-owner to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant.

**Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023**

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

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records and observation, that a feeding plan was not posted in the child's assigned room for two of two infants observed in Room B:1-2 yr olds, during the review. One feeding plan was available but was not posted in the child's room as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on observation and interview that a feeding chair for each child being fed who were capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table was not available as required. There were (2) two, seven (7) month old children in Room B: 1-2 yr olds and only one feeding chair was available on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

**Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with the director/owner to ensure ventilation to be provided either by mechanical or natural means so as to provide fresh air and control of unpleasant odors in the food preparation area. The stove hood vent was not operable on this date but a window and door were observed, however, the door and window were not screened.

**Correction Deadline: 12/14/2023**

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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**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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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-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with director-owner to check the tire pressure on the rear driver and front passenger side of the vehicle with Tag EDU1C77.

**Correction Deadline: 12/9/2023**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Consultant discussed with the director owner to ensure that staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. Infants that are able to roll over shall have written documentation on the crib indicating that child is able to roll over on their own.

**Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023**

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**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-.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>Not Met</b> |
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that one staff supervised two (2), seven month old children, and (5) five, one-year-old children totaling (7) seven children in Room B: 1-2 yr olds, when the appropriate ratio was (6) six children to one staff.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023**

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.