



**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:** 7/29/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

**CCLC-66254**

**Sunrise Preschool #355**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| 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. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/29/2025                  | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                          |
|                             |                         |               | <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            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| Main                            | Room A 1st L Two Year       | Two Year Olds                             | 1                               | 10       | C                                                       | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap              |
| Main                            | Room B 2nd L Infants        | Infants                                   | 1                               | 5        | C                                                       | 7          | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Lunch |
| Main                            | Room C 3rd L GA PreK        |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C                                                       | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           |                  |
| Main                            | Room D 4th L One Year       | One Year Olds                             | 1                               | 5        | C                                                       | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap              |
| Main                            | Room E 5th L Infants        |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C                                                       | 5          | C            | NA         | NA           |                  |
| Main                            | Room F 6th L Four Year      |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C                                                       | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           |                  |
| Main                            | Room G 7th L Three Year     | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds        | 2                               | 14       | C                                                       | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap              |
| Main                            | Room H Gym Afterschool      | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 2                               | 14       | C                                                       | 50         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play        |
| Main                            | Room I Front Middle Infants |                                           | 0                               | 0        | C                                                       | 6          | C            | NA         | NA           |                  |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147 |                             |                                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          | Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations |            |              |            |              |                  |
| Total # Children this Date: 48  |                             |                                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0                           |            |              |            |              |                  |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground | 49                   | C                     |

### Comments

The child care program received a final license on this date. Visit was completed on 07/28/2025. Could not open or complete report due to system issues. The facility carries liability insurance. The total capacity is limited to 147 due to Playground.

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



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The following information is associated with a ILS:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**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-.06 Bathrooms**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure that exhaust fans are functioning properly throughout the center.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date. The overall licensed capacity is 147 children.

**Comment**

The program has the following capacity limitations: Center multi purpose classroom is 50 stated on building certificate of occupancy and playground limitations.

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

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

**Comment**

Please ensure to maintain lawn.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute resilience surface.

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(1) - Please ensure that exhaust fans are functioning properly in all diapering classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to add a portable sink adjacent to changing table in Classroom A.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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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 or field trips. Center plans to provide routine transportation starting the month of August. Consultant inspected both vehicles and discussed transportation requirements if/when 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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that 17 out of 17 cribs did not have tight fitting sheets on cribs.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**

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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. Nine (9) of nine (9) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on observation that the center director did not have 40 hour director's training certificate on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

**Correction Deadline: 9/1/2025**

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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