



**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:** 9/10/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-14468**

**A Child's Dream Childcare and Learning Center**

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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. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09/10/2024                  | Monitoring Visit                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/23/2024                  | Complaint Closure                 | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/23/2024                  | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | 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                            | Left (infant)      | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2                               | 10       | C    | 21                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding,Transiti oning,Floor Play |
| Main                            | Middle Left        | Two Year Olds                      | 1                               | 8        | C    | 25                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Music                             |
| Main                            | Middle Right Back  |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 23                            | C            | NA         | NA           |                                   |
| Main                            | Middle Right Front |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 19                            | C            | NA         | NA           |                                   |
| Main                            | Right Back         | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                               | 21       | NC   | 23                            | C            | NA         | NA           | TV                                |
| Main                            | Right Front        |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 20                            | C            | NA         | NA           |                                   |
| Main                            | Trailer            |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 20                            | C            | NA         | NA           |                                   |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151 |                    |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |                                   |
| Total # Children this Date: 39  |                    |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                                   |

| Building | Playground         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A Left             | 6                    | C                     |
| Main     | B Middle back yard | 22                   | C                     |
| Main     | C Right rear year  | 12                   | C                     |
| Main     | D right front yard | 28                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 12                | 14      | 25      | 37      | 16      | 0                  | 90                |

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/10/2024

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.

#### 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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring 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(4) - The Consultant discussed securing the television located in classroom Main Right Back in order to prevent tipping hazards on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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(11) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that small frayed carpet pieces are trimmed in order to prevent tripping hazards on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2024

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - The Consultant discussed removing the electric pencil sharpener located in classroom Main Right Back on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - The Consultant discussed securing the television cord and wall fan cord located in classroom Main Front Right on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/5/2024**

**Corrected on 9/10/2024**

**.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that all playground fencing was observed to be in good repair on this date.**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed removing the long chains hanging from the new swings located on playgrounds Main A Left and Main Middle Back on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant discussed placing resilient surfacing around the new stationary slide and climbing equipment located on playground Main A Left on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant discussed covering the exposed concrete located at the bottom of the chain link gate poles located on playground Main A Left on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation 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)****Not 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.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)1. requires that cribs be in good repair and free of hazards. Stack cribs and cribs with drop sides shall not be used. It was determined based on observation that two out of thirteen cribs had splintered wood located on the top portion of the wooden bars which posed a potential choking hazard on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove cribs that are not in good repair or that are hazardous and will always provide a crib that is in good repair and is free of hazards for each infant. Stack cribs and cribs with drop sides will not be used

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that cots accessible to children located in classroom Main Middle Left have a large covering over them while not in use on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024**

**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-.33 Staff Training****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024**

**Corrected on 9/10/2024**

**.33(5) - Correction of previous citation in that Staff records reviewed were up to date and complete as required by the Department.**

**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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that one Staff member was caring for fifteen three-year-olds and six four-year-olds in classroom Main Right Back when a Staff: Child ratio of 2:21 was required on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.