



**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:** 4/22/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM  
Visit

**CCLC-31733**

**The Children's House**

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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. |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 04/22/2024                  | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/04/2024                  | Licensing Study                            | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/14/2023                  | Monitoring Visit                           | 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                            | 2A                 | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 3     | 15       | C                             | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Circle Time                    |
| Main                            | 3's                | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 15       | C                             | 31         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time, Centers                          |
| Main                            | Infant I           | Infants                            | 3     | 5        | C                             | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Floor Play                               |
| Main                            | Infant II          | One Year Olds                      | 2     | 11       | C                             | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play, Floor Play, Transitioning, Outside |
| Main                            | Pre-K A            | GA PreK                            | 2     | 18       | C                             | 28         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers, Transitioning                        |
| Main                            | Pre-K B            | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 3     | 9        | C                             | 32         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside, Transitioning                        |
| Main                            | Upstairs (Library) |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 31         | C            | NA         | NA           |                                               |
| Main                            | Waddlers           | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 8        | C                             | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers, Music, Diapering                     |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186 |                    |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                               |
| Total # Children this Date: 81  |                    |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                               |

| Building | Playground         | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Main     | Playground B       | 84                      | C                        |
| Main     | Pre-K A Playground | 89                      | C                        |
| Main     | Waddler Playground | 18                      | C                        |

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a CI/MV.

Director provided six file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/22/2024

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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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Robin Perkins, Program Official

Date

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Kesha McNeal, CCS Coordinator

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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)**

**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)**

**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-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline:** 4/13/2023

**Corrected on** 4/22/2024

**.06(4) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the vents were working as required.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(7) - Please ensure that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas.

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024**

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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>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2023**

**Corrected on 4/22/2024**

**.07(5) - Previous citation observed corrected in that no items were observed around children's necks during nap time.**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(1) - Please ensure that the center has ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. On this date the consultant observed the exhaust fan in Pre-K B to not be functioning as required.

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024**

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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)****Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

The correct number of mats,cots, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats and cots was discussed with the director on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags.

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024**

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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.

**Comment**

Director provided six file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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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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**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

**Comment**

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