



**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:** 5/9/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

**CCLC-39671**

**Reading World Academy**

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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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| 05/09/2024                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/11/2024                  | TA Follow Up     | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/21/2024                  | TA Follow Up     | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building                       | Room                   | Age Group                 | Staff                          | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF.                    | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes                 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Suite 1                        | Rm. A/ 3 year olds     | Three Year Olds           | 1                              | 6        | C    | 15                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play            |
| Suite 1                        | Rm. B-1/ two year olds | One Year Olds             | 1                              | 2        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch, Floor Play     |
| Suite 1                        | Room B2                | Infants and One Year Olds | 1                              | 5        | C    | 10                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play            |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37 |                        |                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |                               |              |            |              |                       |
| Suite 2                        | PreK A - Front Right   |                           | 0                              | 0        | C    | 25                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use            |
| Suite 2                        | School age-Back Right  | GA PreK                   | 2                              | 14       | C    | 28                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Field Trip, Free Play |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53 |                        |                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |                               |              |            |              |                       |
| Total # Children this Date: 27 |                        |                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                       |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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**Comments**

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit. Background checks were reviewed. There were four new hires since the last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/09/2024

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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) 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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

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)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and measurement there was one to two inches of measurable rubber mulch in the fall zones of the swings and sliding boards on the large play structure on the preschool playground. In addition, grass was growing through out the fall zones.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation the base was exposed on the yellow race car with the bolts exposed on the small playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024**

**Recited on 5/9/2024**

**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. Please ensure that grapes are removed from the fruit cocktail before serving to children under three-years-old.

**Correction Deadline: 5/9/2024**

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms for field trips were discussed with the director. Please ensure parents date the checklist when permission is given and ensure that the vehicle emergency forms are complete for all children.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. Please ensure that all rules are followed when private transportation providers are used for field trips. The consultant provided a copy of The Georgia Department of Public Health 12/15 Passenger Vans checklist.

**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If marked for individual use, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/9/2024**

**Staff Records****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Director provided [4 ] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

**Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023**

**Corrected on 5/9/2024**

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation observed in that staff member # 2 obtained a Comprehensive Records Check Determination.

**Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023**

**Corrected on 5/9/2024**

.09(1)(l)3. - Previous citation corrected in that staff # 2 obtained a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination as required.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/23/2023**

**Corrected on 5/9/2024**

.32(7) Based on observation on the day of the visit , adequate supervision was maintained.