



**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:** 11/12/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-1204**

**Home '2' Childcare and Development Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               | <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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11/12/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/04/2023                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/26/2023                         | 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      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Bld one                        | Bld 1-1st L (PreK) | GA PreK                            | 2                              | 8        | C                             | 20         | C                                                | NA         | NA           | Centers    |
| Bld one                        | Bld 1-1st R        |                                    | 0                              | 0        | C                             | 20         | C                                                | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Bld one                        | Bld 1-2nd R        | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2                              | 9        | C                             | 20         | C                                                | NA         | NA           | Floor Play |
| Bld one                        | Bld one-2nd L      | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                              | 7        | C                             | 20         | C                                                | NA         | NA           | Free Play  |
|                                |                    |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            | Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 24 |                    |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |                                                  |            |              |            |

| Building | Playground           | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bld one  | Playground 1         | 51                   | C                     |
| Bld one  | Playground 3-toddler | 20                   | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years            | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 2                        | 8       | 5       | 3       | 12      | 0                  | 48                |

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

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



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

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

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

**The previous citation was corrected on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Evening Care**

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

**Met**

**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**

The consultant discussed keeping hazardous equipment, materials and supplies to be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children

**Correction Deadline: 11/12/2024**

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

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

**The previous citation was corrected on this date.**

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

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2023

Corrected on 11/12/2024

The previous citation was corrected on this date.

## Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition Met

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 11/12/2024

The previous citation was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 11/12/2024

The previous citation was corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations Met

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 11/12/2024

The previous citation was corrected on this date.

## Health and Hygiene

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

### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

### Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) Met

### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) Met

### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) Not Met

### Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed removing the type on the seats and repairing the seats on the white bus tag #HOME2 and replacing the black part of the seat belt buckle on the second and third row on the white bus tag #DWF423.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024**

**Correction Deadline: 12/5/2023**

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

**The previous citation was corrected on this date.**

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**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the date and time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined by review of transportation form during the week of November 11, 2024, through November 15, 2024 the PM departure time, load and unload time, and return time were pre filled for W.G. Nunn Elementary, Valdosta Middle School, and S.L Mason Elementary.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that each date and time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024**

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/3/2024**

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

**The previous citation was corrected on this date.**

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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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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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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.