



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/27/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-889**

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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. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 08/27/2024                  | Monitoring Visit  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/12/2024                  | LS POI Follow Up  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/17/2023                  | Complaint Closure | 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                            | 1st Left   | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 11       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time    |
| Main                            | 1st Right  | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2     | 5        | C                             | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Nap |
| Main                            | 2nd Right  | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2     | 12       | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside        |
| Main                            | Back Left  | GA PreK                            | 2     | 16       | C                             | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           | Art            |
| Main                            | Back Right | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 11       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning  |
| Main                            | Middle     | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2     | 17       | C                             | 30         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time    |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133 |            |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                |
| Total # Children this Date: 72  |            |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                |

| Building | Playground             | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Back                   | 74                   | C                     |
| Main     | Back Playground        | 74                   | C                     |
| Main     | Right Front Playground | 16                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 7                 | 16      | 17      | 24      | 6       | 20                 | 26                |

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct Monitoring Visit and to follow-up on previous violations.

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.dec.al.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)**

**Not Met**

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure all baskets used for toy storage and classroom use are in good condition. If the baskets become broken or are coming apart, please ensure the pieces are trimmed back or repaired or the baskets are replaced to ensure no rough edges.

**Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation the equipment was not secured:

- First left (three- year-old classroom): one wooden box shelf was observed on top of another wooden shelf and was not secured
- Back left (PreK) : one TV was observed to be on top of a table and wooden blocks and was not secured
- Back right (three and four-year-olds) : one TV was observed to be on a shelf and was not secured

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

**Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**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

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with staff to ensure that plastic bags are stored inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024**

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

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the fencing is in good repair and free from exposed nails or sharp edges. Please ensure the following areas are repaired:

- left back playground - ensure the bottom border is securely attached in all areas with no exposed nails or gaps
- left back playground - ensure the holes are filled in at the bottom of the fencing on the left side
- front right playground - ensure the wooden planks are re-secured with no exposed nails or gaps

**Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - The consultant discussed with the Director to monitor the playground for hazards and to ensure the thorny vines that are growing through the fencing on the back right playground are removed; ensure the cross tie on the front right toddler playground is secured and flush without any exposed nails/screws; ensure the grill on the left garden area is covered and ensure the exposed roots are covered or repainted.

**Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024**

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**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 stated there has not been any medication dispensed in the past two months.

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

Met

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of routine vehicle trips with load and unload, first and second checks were observed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure their transportation training is updated every two years.

**Correction Deadline: 9/6/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(e) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor and repair or replace the seats on the bus where rips are developing in the material.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure all children's transportation authorization and emergency information is complete with all emergency contact phone numbers listed.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2024**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/12/2024**

**Corrected on 8/27/2024**

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation is corrected in that all staff were observed to have evidence of satisfactory background checks on this date.

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

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

**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****Comment**

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