



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**  
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**Date:** 9/2/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 3:50 PM **Departure:** 4:45 PM

**CCLC-38936**

**YBASE at Isle of Hope K-8**

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Same

**Quality Rated:** No

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                  |               | <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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09/02/2025                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/06/2025                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/02/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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**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                           | B-Band    |                                                       | 0                              | 0        | C    | 49                                               | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                           | Cafeteria | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over and GA PreK | 2                              | 16       | C    | 91                                               | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play  |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 91 |           |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      | Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 16 |           |                                                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 91 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0                    |              |            |              |            |

| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A | 0                    | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B | 21                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 0                 | 0       | 0       | 0       | 2       | 0                  | 18                |

**Comments**

The Consultant conducted the exit conference with the Director and send the Docusign email to Joquana Kelson to be signed. The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions.

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.

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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 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.

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



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The following information is associated with a MV:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2025

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591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

**Health and Hygiene****Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****N/A****Comment**

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures****Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(a-o) - New - : Discussed updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center.

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2025****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(r) - New - discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It as determined based on a review of records that the center did not have documentation of tornado drills conducted for the month of August, 2025 as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on site for two years.

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025**

**Prior Visits: 05/11/2023**

**Recited on 9/2/2025**

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| <b>Safety</b> |
|---------------|

**Records Reviewed: 7**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

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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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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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**Records Reviewed: 7**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
|----------------------|

**Records Reviewed: 7**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

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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**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - New - : Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025**

**Correction Deadline: 5/16/2025**

**Prior Visits: 05/06/2025**

**Corrected on 9/2/2025**

**.14(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The Consultant observed all items to be in the first aid kit as required and no items were expired.**

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

Defer

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)- Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit in 2026.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

**Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(6) - New - : Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2025**

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

**Records Reviewed: 7**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

Met

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2025**

**Prior Visits: 05/11/2023**

**Corrected on 9/2/2025**

**.32(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed a correct ratio of 2:16 as required.**

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

Met

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2025**

**Prior Visits: 05/06/2025**

**Corrected on 9/2/2025**

**.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed children were supervised at all times during the visit as required.**