



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 9/5/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-29790**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| 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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| 09/05/2024                  | Licensing Study                   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/30/2024                  | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/16/2024                  | Licensing Study                   | 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                            | 1L: B - Polar Bears | Infants         | 2                               | 5        | C                             | 10                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Feeding,Diapering     |
| Main                            | 1R: C - Moose       | One Year Olds   | 2                               | 8        | C                             | 10                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Transitioning,Outside |
| Main                            | 2L: A - Giraffes    | Infants         | 2                               | 5        | C                             | 8                             | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Feeding               |
| Main                            | 2R: D - Sailfish    | Two Year Olds   | 2                               | 10       | C                             | 16                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Story                 |
| Main                            | 3R: E - Elephants   | Two Year Olds   | 2                               | 7        | C                             | 16                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Outside               |
| Main                            | 4R: F - Otters      | One Year Olds   | 2                               | 7        | C                             | 18                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Story                 |
| Main                            | 4th Floor - A/3L    | Four Year Olds  | 8                               | 8        | C                             | 25                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Circle Time           |
| Main                            | 4th Floor/B -2L     | Four Year Olds  | 2                               | 11       | C                             | 21                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Art                   |
| Main                            | 4th Floor/C-1L      | Five Year Olds  | 1                               | 8        | C                             | 21                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Circle Time           |
| Main                            | LR: I - Alligators  | Three Year Olds | 2                               | 10       | C                             | 20                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Outside,Transitioning |
| Main                            | MR: H - Camels      | Three Year Olds | 2                               | 11       | C                             | 20                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Transitioning,Outside |
| Main                            | RR: G - Rams        | Four Year Olds  | 4                               | 14       | C                             | 20                            | C            | NA         | NA                                               | Outside               |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205 |                     |                 |                                 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |                               |              |            |                                                  |                       |
| Total # Children this Date: 104 |                     |                 | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205 |          |                               | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            | Building @25 capacity limited by Centers Request |                       |

| Building | Playground      | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Main     | A: Hard Surface | 3                       | C                        |
| Main     | B: Infant Yard  | 110                     | C                        |
| Main     | C: Preschool    | 20                      | C                        |
| Main     | D: Trike Area   | 8                       | C                        |
| Main     | Roof Top/ Front | 3                       | C                        |
| Main     | Roof Top/Back   | 18                      | C                        |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 17                | 19      | 24      | 25      | 17      | 24                 | 0                 |

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and Follow up.

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.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.

#### 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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Consultant observed center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be routinely met by center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed playground to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

**Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene**

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| <b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures completed.

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| <b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center.

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| <b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant observed documentation for medication dispensing complete.

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|  | <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant observed center does not provide routine transportation.

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|  | <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant discussed with staff SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) requires that all sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged to avoid obstructing access to exit doors, to provide the caregivers access to each child, and to prevent children's access to cords hanging from window treatments and other hazardous objects. To reduce the transfer of airborne diseases, sleeping and resting equipment shall be arranged as follows. There shall be a minimum of twenty-four inch (24") corridor between each row of sleeping or resting equipment. There shall be a minimum of twelve inches (12") between each piece of sleeping or resting equipment in each row of equipment. Children shall be placed on cots and mats so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row. It was determined based on observation that the infant cribs were one-two inches in the same row,

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will arrange and place sleeping and resting equipment according to the requirements in the rule; will train Staff; and will monitor for continued compliance.

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

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

Consultant reviewed criminal record checks to be complete.

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| <b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant reviewed evidence of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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| <b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Newly teaching staff has six months to enroll and eighteen months to complete credentials.

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

Consultant observed center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.