



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/21/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-51812**  
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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. |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/21/2024                  | Complaint Closure                          | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/21/2024                  | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/26/2024                  | 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                           | A (Far Left)    | Infants and One Year Olds          | 1     | 6        | C                             | 15         | C            | NA                                                         | NA           | Feeding,Floor Play |
| Main                           | B (Right)       | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1     | 9        | C                             | 16         | C            | NA                                                         | NA           | Free Play          |
| Main                           | C (Middle)      | One Year Olds                      | 1     | 5        | C                             | 18         | C            | NA                                                         | NA           | Floor Play         |
| Main                           | D (Down Left)   | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2     | 8        | C                             | 20         | C            | NA                                                         | NA           | Free Play          |
| Main                           | E ( Down Right) | GA PreK                            | 2     | 9        | C                             | 16         | C            | NA                                                         | NA           | Circle Time        |
|                                |                 | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85     |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              | Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations |              |                    |
| Total # Children this Date: 37 |                 | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85     |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |                                                            |              |                    |

| Building | Playground       | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A Preschool      | 89                   | C                     |
| Main     | B Infant/Toddler | 33                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 5                 | 9       | 7       | 15      | 11      | 0                  | 16                |

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up from the last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/21/2024

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/Regulations.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 1 855-800-7747 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)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024**

**Corrected on 10/21/2024**

.19(1) - Previous citation of classroom B having a total of nineteen children and the maximum capacity is sixteen was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 7/3/2024**

**Corrected on 10/21/2024**

.25(13) - Previous citation of a large water slide, a wooden shelf, and other equipment being stored outside near the walkway to enter and exit the playground and was accessible was observed to be corrected on this date.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation on the back right side of the preschool playground, a wooden piece was missing from a section of the fence. The gate latch entering the playground was loose and the wires at the top and bottom of the gate was detached from the pole. There was also a long piece of wood that was on the ground near the entrance gate that was accessible.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

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

**Recited on 10/21/2024**

**Correction Deadline: 7/3/2024**

**Corrected on 10/21/2024**

.26(9) - Previous citation of the preschool playground had a large tree branch on the ground that was accessible to children was observed to be corrected on this date.

**Health and Hygiene**

## 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7) - Hand washing was discussed with the director on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 10/21/2024**

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

N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

## 591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

**Comment**

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

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on review of records that staff #1 who is listed as the director and driver had transportation training that expired on June of 2021.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

**Correction Deadline: 10/25/2024**

**Recited on 10/21/2024**

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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

**Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024**

**Corrected on 10/21/2024**

.09(1)(b) - Previous citation of staff #2 being present at the center with a Comprehensive Records Check Determination that expired on 6/25/2024 was observed to be corrected on this date as a satisfactory check was observed.

**Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024**

**Corrected on 10/21/2024**

.09(1)(l)3. - Previous citation of staff #2 being present at the center without a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination was observed to be corrected on this date.

## 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

## 591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR

Met

**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

## 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)-Previous citation will be deferred and observed on the next visit.

**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: 7/26/2024**

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that classroom D housed three, two- year- olds with five, three-year-olds. Per the director, she would not be moving the two-year-olds. Consultant discussed with the director that a form with parental consent would be needed for three-year-olds to be housed with two- year- olds. Director was also instructed on where to obtain the form.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

**Correction Deadline: 10/21/2024**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.