



**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:** 5/13/2024 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 8:55 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-18446**

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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. |
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| 05/13/2024                         | MV POI Follow Up               | Support       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/08/2024                         | POI Follow Up                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/15/2024                         | Incident Investigation 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                            | Back Right         | Two Year Olds                      | 3     | 12       | C                               | 21         | C            | 29         | C            | Breakfast                                 |
| Main                            | First Back Left    | One Year Olds                      | 3     | 16       | C                               | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast                                 |
| Main                            | First Front Right  |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                               | 16         | C            | 22         | C            |                                           |
| Main                            | Front Left         |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                               | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |                                           |
| Main                            | Middle Back        | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 12       | C                               | 21         | C            | 29         | C            | Breakfast                                 |
| Main                            | Second Back Left   | Infants                            | 3     | 8        | C                               | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers, Floor Play, Breakfast, Free Play |
| Main                            | Second Front Right | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1     | 15       | C                               | 16         | C            | 22         | C            | Breakfast                                 |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125 |                    |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 125 |            |              |            |              |                                           |
| Total # Children this Date: 63  |                    |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 125 |            |              |            |              |                                           |

| Building | Playground       | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Front Right Yard | 35                   | C                     |
| Main     | Left Yard        | 21                   | C                     |
| Main     | Rear Play Yard   | 48                   | C                     |
| Main     | Right Rear Yard  | 14                   | C                     |

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and POI.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/28/2024

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.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 MV POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The Consultant and the Director discussed implementing a daily and/or weekly routine to keep classroom furniture and equipment clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

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 that the following classrooms had stacked chairs which caused a potential tipping hazard on this date:

- Main First Back Left
- Main Middle Back

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

**Main First Back Left**

- A red Craftsman blower was located on the floor within the children's bathroom.

**Main Middle Back**

- A Staff member's black book bag was located on a child's table on the left side of the classroom door.
- Four plastic grocery bags were located inside children's cubbies.
- A broom and dust pan were located next to the trash can.
- A black cabinet next to the children's bathroom door was unlocked with a large black trash bag and a roll of clear trash bags.
- The children's bathroom had a packet of children's wipes accessible that read keep out of reach of children.
- The children's bathroom had a plastic grocery bag containing extra plastic grocery bags accessible to children.

**Main Back Right**

- Two plastic grocery bags were stored within a child's cubby.
- The diaper changing table was unlocked and had plastic grocery bags stored underneath that were accessible to children.

**Main Second Front Right**

- A plastic grocery bag was stored within a child's cubby.
- A broom and dust pan were accessible to children.
- A bottle of Ajax Ultra dish soap was located on the left side of the children's handwashing sink.
- One bottle of Purell Professional Surface Disinfectant, three cans of Clorox 4 in One Disinfectant Spray, one can of Clorox Disinfecting Spray and three plastic containers of an unidentified foam soap were observed inside the cabinet of the children's handwashing sink.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following classrooms needed repairs on this date:

**Main First Back Left**

- Chipped paint was located on the back left wall and left middle wall.

**Main Back Right**

- The top left storage cabinet door had a broken top hinge which caused it to hang by the bottom hinge.
- Crayon marks were present on the classroom walls.

**Main Second Front Right**

- Crayon marks were present on the classroom walls.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/17/2024**

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

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant and the Director discussed capping or cutting down the exposed bolts on the Main Right Rear Yard.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following playground hazards were present on this date:

**Main Left Yard**

- One red tricycle had a cracked seat.

**Main Rear Yard**

- One red tricycle had a cracked seat.
- Two red tricycles had cracked and missing handlebar grips.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(7) - Please ensure that stationary equipment missing anchor ties are replaced as needed.  
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**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that playground Main Left Yard had a large hole on the left side of the playground near the fencing that caused a potential tripping and falling hazard.  
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**Correction Deadline: 5/17/2024**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that Children did not wash their hands with warm running water and liquid hand soap after eating breakfast in the Main First Back Left and Main Second Front Right classrooms on this date.  
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Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

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

Met

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

N/A

**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)**

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Staff Records**

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

Met

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**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.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.