



**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:** 12/5/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:10 PM **Departure:** 3:10 PM

**CCLC-49518**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <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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| 12/05/2023                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/11/2023                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/14/2022                         | Monitoring Visit | 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 |
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| Main                           | A-1st Left | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                           | 2                              | 11       | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Main                           | B-2nd Left | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1                              | 8        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24 |            |                                                              | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |       |
| Total # Children this Date: 19 |            |                                                              | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24 |          |      |            |              |            |              |       |
|                                |            |                                                              | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |       |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | Playground | 28                   | C                     |

**Comments**

Licensing study was completed and developed on this date.

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

Chloe Dunlap, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Regional Consultant

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the center maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2023

Facility

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| <b>591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/21/2023**

**Corrected on 12/5/2023**

**Correction of citation in that there was at least three inches of mulch surrounding the fall zone areas of the gray castle on this date.**

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.15 Food Service &amp; Nutrition</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date; however, the parents are responsible for children's food. The center maintains extra items to supplement as needed.

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

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures for a child in care requiring an asthma pump.

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete on this date.

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| <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies &amp; Procedures</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed 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**

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>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed on this date. There were also no infants enrolled in the program.

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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**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2022 on this date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.