



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 9/5/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:35 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

**CCLC-52983**

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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. |
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| 09/05/2024                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/29/2023                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/02/2023                  | 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                    |
|--------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Main                           | A    | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                              | 6        | C    | 7                                                    | C            | NA         | NA           | Clean Up,Free Play,Story |
| Main                           | B    | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds                      | 1                              | 6        | C    | 6                                                    | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,TV             |
| Main                           | C    |                                                      | 0                              | 0        | C    | 6                                                    | C            | NA         | NA           |                          |
| Main                           | D    |                                                      | 0                              | 0        | C    | 4                                                    | C            | NA         | NA           |                          |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18 |      |                                                      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      | Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department |              |            |              |                          |
| Total # Children this Date: 12 |      |                                                      | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0                        |              |            |              |                          |

| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A | 12                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B | 10                   | C                     |

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

### Comments

An in person licensing study was conducted on this date. The provider stated they do not administer medication and they do not offer routine transportation, field trips, or swimming activities.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/05/2024

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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**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**

The director stated the 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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.25(13) - requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. Please move toilet brushes in both bathrooms so that they are not accessible to children. Please move wipes and pull ups that are marked keep out of reach of children up from the cubby in Room A. Please also remove the bags from the cabinet beneath the changing table in Room B or lock that cabinet doors.

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. Please cover the one uncovered electrical outlet in the front of Room A.

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

**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 that the fence dividing the two playgrounds had a board missing in the front leaving a ten inch gap and the same fence had a one broken board with jagged edges and one loose board with two nails exposed that present hazards to children.

**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: 9/12/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

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. Please repair, replace, or remove the pink tricycle that has a broken handle with sharp edges.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

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. Please be sure that thorny vines growing through fence and from the ground on both playgrounds are removed before children go outside to play. There was also one broken brick on the right playground that the consultant set aside on the bench. Please ensure it is also removed before children go outside to play.

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

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

**Comment**

The Director stated the Center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Not Met

**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 was determined based on a review of records that the last fire drill recorded on the log was in March 2024 and the last tornado drill recorded on the log was in January 2024. Please conduct fire drills every month, as required, and conduct tornado drills every six months, as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

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

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

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Director stated the Center does not provide routine transportation.

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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**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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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.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that none of the Staff completed ten hours of annual training as required.

**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: 10/5/2024****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.