



**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:** 9/16/2024 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-63713**

**Ivywood Academy Tucker**

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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. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09/16/2024                         | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                    |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                       |
|                                    |                         |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                                 |
|                                    |                         |               | <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                       |

**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-1st Right- 3yrs  |                | 0                              | 0        | C    | 14                            | C            | NA                                                   | NA           |               |
| Main     | B 2nd Right 1-2yrs |                | 0                              | 0        | C    | 14                            | C            | NA                                                   | NA           |               |
| Main     | C- 3rd back 2yrs   |                | 0                              | 0        | C    | 15                            | C            | NA                                                   | NA           |               |
| Main     | D- 1yr             | One Year Olds  | 1                              | 4        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA                                                   | NA           | Free Play     |
| Main     | E- Infants         | Infants        | 1                              | 3        | C    | 10                            | C            | NA                                                   | NA           | Nap,Free Play |
| Main     | F- 4-12 yrs (ASP)  | Four Year Olds | 2                              | 11       | C    | 27                            | C            | NA                                                   | NA           | Circle Time   |
|          |                    |                | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              | Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department |              |               |

Total # Children this Date: 18

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A All ages | 30                   | C                     |

**Comments**

An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on this date. The provider was not granted Permission to Operate. A Temporary License was issued on September 16, 2024, due to Zoning, Fire Marshall report, and Certificate of Occupancy not being in the new providers name. The facility does carry Liability Insurance. The license capacity is 90. Once the provider send requested verification of the Zoning, CO-Building, and Fire verification in the new providers name, permission to operate will be granted.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that classroom equipment is kept clean and in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that the teaching staff monitor for chipping paint in all of the classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024**

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site on this date.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. License capacity is 90 children.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

**Technical Assistance**

Please be sure to monitor the classroom carpets for cleanliness.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

Discussed with the director to cut down/back the pine tree in the left corner of the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that the ventilation in room B is in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024**

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

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Technical Assistance**

Please be sure to monitor the opening in the left corner front fencing, to ensure the gap does not pose an entrapment hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024**

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper handwashing of children and staff was discussed with the director during the inspection visit.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation, administration, storage and procedures.

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety****591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Appropriate discipline was observed.

**Comment**

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

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

Met

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two(2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

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

Met

**Comment**

Seven(7) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission(CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2015/ 2016/2017. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the inspection visit.

**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**

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

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

A supervision plan was created on this date for the bathrooms due to the bathrooms being adjacent in the classrooms.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.