



**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:** 4/15/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-3548**

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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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| 04/15/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/09/2023                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/13/2023                         | 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                           | Cafeteria                 |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 17                            | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Main                           | Rm 1 (First Right)        | Infants                            | 1                               | 3        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play |
| Main                           | Rm 10 (4th Lt.)           | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                               | 10       | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside    |
| Main                           | Rm 12 (5th Lt.)           | Three Year Olds                    | 3                               | 2        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers    |
| Main                           | Rm 3 (2nd Rt.)            | One Year Olds                      | 2                               | 6        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play |
| Main                           | Rm 4 (1st Lt.)            | One Year Olds                      | 2                               | 9        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside    |
| Main                           | Rm 5 (3rd Rt.)            |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Main                           | Rm 6 (2nd Lt.)            | Two Year Olds                      | 2                               | 7        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside    |
| Main                           | Rm 7 (4th Rt. Therapy)    | Three Year Olds                    | 3                               | 2        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers    |
| Main                           | Rm 8 (3rd Lt.)            | Three Year Olds                    | 1                               | 8        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside    |
| Main                           | Rm 9 (Pre-K-5th & 6th Rt) | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 10       | C    | 24                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers    |
|                                |                           |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 57 |                           |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |            |

| Building | Playground        | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Infant Playground | 7                    | C                     |
| Main     | Lt. Playground    | 91                   | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is a Licensing Study.

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.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.

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**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.

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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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Stacey Davis, Program Official

Date

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Jerica Davis, 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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Please ensure that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. Please ensure that all infant sheets are changed daily.

**Correction Deadline: 4/15/2024**

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**Staff Records**

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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Correction Deadline: 11/9/2023**

**Corrected on 4/15/2024**

This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a Comprehensive Background check on file as required. .09(1)(c) -

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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 more than 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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| <b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023**

**Corrected on 4/15/2024**

.33(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All required staff completed 10 annual training hours as required.

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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.

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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.

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

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