



**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:** 3/9/2023 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-58007**

**Mental Fitness STEAM Academy**

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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. |
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| 03/09/2023                         | 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    | K-2nd Grade           | 0                              | 0        | C    | 15                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | B    | Third -Fifth Grade    | 0                              | 0        | C    | 11                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | C    | Third - Fifth Graders | 0                              | 0        | C    | 13                            | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
|                               |      |                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 39 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |       |
| Total # Children this Date: 0 |      |                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 39 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |       |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | Playground | 66                   | C                     |

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 4, 2023. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on March 9, 2023. The exit conference was conducted on March 9, 2023 at 12:30 pm with the Director. Permission to Operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the consultant. Facility does carry Liability Insurance. License capacity is 39.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/09/2023

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.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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

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Sandra Brown-Anderson, Program Official

Date

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Toni Williams, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

Comment

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

Facility

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

Comment

Permission to Operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and return of signature pages to the Consultant, the overall capacity is 39.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the fence surrounding the playground had shrubs and vines in the fence and coming through the fence and on the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2023

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 the Consultant's observation that the playground area is full of branches and debris to include three tires, a rusted rod, and a barrel . There were branches and other debris that covered the playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 4/9/2023**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours. Consultant discussed the American Disability Act guidelines and alternate methods used for diapering.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Discussed medication documentation, administration and storage.

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**Safety**

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the Director.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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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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**Comment**

Three (3) of three (3) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.