**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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# Cover Sheet

**Date:** 4/26/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-1751**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 04/26/2022 | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 03/03/2022 | Complaint Investigation by Phone | Good Standing |
| 12/29/2021 | LS POI Follow Up | Good Standing |

**Compliance Zone Designation** - 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.

**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
**Support** - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
**Deficient** - 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 | Infants and One Year Olds | 2 | 10 | C | 13 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play |
| Main | B-1st Left | Infants | 2 | 9 | C | 13 | C | NA | NA | Nap,Floor Play |
| Main | C-2nd Left | Three Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | D-3rd Left | Two Year Olds | 3 | 14 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Diapering,Nap |
| Main | E-2nd Right | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 3 | 17 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | Lunch |
| Main | F-3rd Right | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | Lunch |
| Main | G-4th Right | GA PreK | 2 | 14 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | H-5th Right | GA PreK | 2 | 13 | C | 25 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | I-Left End | GA PreK | 2 | 14 | C | 26 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | J-Middle | | 0 | 0 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | K-1st rm left corridor | Two Year Olds | 2 | 11 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Nap |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 126 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | A-Left Side | 51 | C |
| Main | B-Left Rear | 218 | C |
| Main | C-rt rear and side | 181 | C |
| Main | D-Front Right | 8 | C |

**Comments**

On April 26, 2022, the consultant followed up to previous visit and conducted an on-site Monitoring Visit/Complaint Investigation. Consultant requested the provider submit required documents for the Administrative Review process.

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 2, 2022. Staff files and background checks were all reviewed. The Consultant completed the exit conference virtually and a copy of the visit report was electronically emailed to the Program on May 2, 2022.

Consultant requested to review all Criminal Record checks for all employees hired after last visit. Director provided fourteen files for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/26/2022

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

## 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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

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 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)

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| Shannon Smith, Program Official | Date | Rebekah Mullinax, Consultant | Date |

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# Findings Report

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**The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:**

## 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**
Center does not provide swimming activities.

## Facility

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Not Met**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the bathroom in room G did not have a functioning exhaust fan as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/26/2022**

**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)** **Not Met**

**Comment**
No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Finding**
591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that in classroom H the blue cabinet door under the sink was weathered on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**
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. It was determined based on observation that the potential hazards existed in that on playground C:
-The black rubber piping around the swing set on the right side corner was torn and exposed rust.
-The black rubber piping around the wooden yellow slide on the left side had multiple cracks.
-A wood board under the yellow slide had separated from the slide structure.
-The swing set chains had rust.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2022**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Comment**
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**
Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

## Safety

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

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

**Comment**
The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

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

**Comment**
Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**Comment**
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**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

**Records Reviewed: 35** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 10/29/2021

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 01/29/2016

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

| **Records Reviewed: 35** | **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0** |
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| Staff # 10<br>Date of Hire: 01/16/2019 | Met |
| Staff # 11 | Met |
| Staff # 12 | Met |
| Staff # 13 | Met |
| Staff # 14<br>Date of Hire: 09/20/2021 | Met |
| Staff # 15<br>Date of Hire: 10/12/2017 | Met |
| Staff # 16 | Met |
| Staff # 17 | Met |
| Staff # 18<br>Date of Hire: 06/18/2017 | Met |
| Staff # 19<br>Date of Hire: 01/10/2019 | Met |
| Staff # 20<br>Date of Hire: 11/08/2021 | Met |
| Staff # 21 | Met |
| Staff # 22<br>Date of Hire: 08/26/2020 | Met |
| Staff # 23 | Met |
| Staff # 24<br>Date of Hire: 08/14/2006 | Met |
| Staff # 25<br>Date of Hire: 07/11/2017 | Met |
| Staff # 26 | Met |
| Staff # 27<br>Date of Hire: 11/09/2021 | Met |
| Staff # 28 | Met |

| **Records Reviewed: 35** | **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0** |
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| Staff # 29 | Met |
| Staff # 30 | Met |
| Staff # 31 | Met |
| Staff # 32 | Met |
| Staff # 33 | Met |
| Staff # 34 | Met |
| Staff # 35<br>Date of Hire: 11/01/2021 | Met |

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**
Director provided fourteen files for employees hired since last visit.

**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.

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

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