



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/12/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 1:45 PM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

**CCLC-47882**

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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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| 11/12/2024                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/28/2023                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/30/2023                  | 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    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 1                             | 5        | C    | 5          | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                      |
| Main                           | B    | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds                     | 1                             | 7        | C    | 7          | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                      |
| Main                           | C    | Infants and One Year Olds                             | 1                             | 5        | C    | 5          | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,Floor Play,Nap |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 17 |      |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                          |
| Total # Children this Date: 17 |      |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                          |

| Building | Playground   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A | 25                   | C                     |

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

**Comments**

November 12, 2024--The Licensing Study was conducted on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

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.decgal.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 user id 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@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.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-.03 Activities**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that the center did not have current lesson plans available for review.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center had lesson plans in one of three classrooms. The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

**Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024**

**Recited on 11/12/2024**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the application for children was completed, to include the complete address for person(s) children were authorized to be released to and the information for the doctor or pediatrician.

**Correction Deadline: 11/12/2024**

**Evening Care****591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

No evening care hours provided

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2023**

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

The correction was observed on this date. There were no hazardous items stored under the sink in the hallway bathroom on this date.

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

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

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

There were no active ant beds observed on the playground on this date. The Consultant discussed ensuring any dead tree limbs were removed from trees caused by the recent hurricane before children were present on the playground. Further, the Director stated this was day eight of 12 in waiting for Georgia Power to repair the power lines that were low hanging that were also caused by the hurricane.

**Food Service**

**Comment**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure if any foods were served that were the same size as a child's trachea to cut the food into fourths for children three and under so the food was no longer cause a choking hazard.

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

Met

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2023**

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

**Children were observed to wash their hands after they got up from naptime and used the bathroom.**

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2023**

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

**Handwashing was observed on this date.**

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

Met

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

Met

**Correction Deadline: 9/2/2023**

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

**The correction was observed during a review of records. The Consultant discussed the document should be posted with required postings.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.27 requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. It was determined based on observation that the Center did not have the following postings as required: names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will post the notices as required and ensure they remain posted.

**Correction Deadline: 11/15/2024**

**Recited on 11/12/2024**

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

The Consultant discussed with the Director that sheets for infants were required to be tight-fitted and should be the appropriate size for the crib mattress.

**Correction Deadline: 11/12/2024**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(3) requires the Center to have a first aid kit in each building of the Center and in any vehicle used by the Center for transportation of children, that contains scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, adhesive tape, thermometer, band-aids, assorted sizes, antibacterial ointment, insect-sting preparation, an antiseptic cleansing solution, triangular bandages, rubber gloves, protective eye wear, a protective face mask, and a cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored so that it is not accessible to children but is easily accessible to Staff. It was determined based on review that the following items were not present in the first aid kit for the center:

--thermometer was not operable

--triangular bandage

--protective eye wear

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center Staff will provide any missing first aid kits, add any missing items to each first aid kit and will develop and use a plan for checking the kits and replacing missing items in each kit in the future. First aid kits and instruction manuals will be stored so that they kits are not accessible to children but are easily accessible to Center Staff.

**Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024**

**591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant provided the Employee Documentation Record and discussed all documents required to be present in personnel records.

**Correction Deadline: 11/17/2024**

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Staffing and Supervision****591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2023**

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

The correction was observed on this date. All classrooms were observed to maintain appropriate classroom ratios on this date.

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2023**

**Corrected on 11/12/2024**

The correction was observed on this date. All children were observed to be supervised.