



**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:** 10/16/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 8:35 AM

**Departure:** 11:15 AM

**CCLC-134**

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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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| 10/16/2023                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/12/2023                         | TA Follow Up    | N/A           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/16/2023                         | TA Follow Up    | N/A           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**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       | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                               | 14       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers    |
| Main                            | B- 2nd Right       | Three Year Olds                    | 2                               | 16       | C    | 28         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers    |
| Main                            | C -1st Left        | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2                               | 10       | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play |
| Main                            | D- 2nd Left        | One Year Olds                      | 2                               | 11       | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers    |
| Main                            | E - 3rd Left       | Two Year Olds                      | 2                               | 14       | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers    |
| Main                            | F - Middle Back    |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 26         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                            | G - Upstairs Right | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 16       | C    | 35         | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast  |
| Main                            | H- Upstairs Left   | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 19       | C    | 35         | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast  |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189 |                    |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 100 |                    |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189 |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |
|                                 |                    |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | Back       | 346                  | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to conduct 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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Amanda Mullinax, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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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.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2023

.12(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant did not observe any furniture or equipment not secured.

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

N/A

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.

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

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

**Corrected on 10/16/2023**

**.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed the bottom fence being secured.**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The provider discussed with the provider that they will get new fences, playground equipment, and rubber mulch for the entire playground.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2023**

**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 observation on the right playground, that chipping paint was observed on the fence where you enter the Pre-K playground. It was further observed on the right side that chipped paint was three green, red, and yellow pony playing equipment.

**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: 11/17/2023**

**Recited on 10/16/2023**

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Comment**

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

**Comment**

Discussed proper steps for dishwashing.

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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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)** **N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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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**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**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**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR** **Not Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on the review of the staff member file, that staff members # 16 and #18 did not have evidence of their First Aid and CPR certification on the day of the visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

**Correction Deadline: 11/30/2023**

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| <b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.