



**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:** 5/11/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:35 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-54765**

**Star Light Learning Academy @ Canton**

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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.<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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| 05/11/2023                         | Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/29/2022                         | Complaint Closure                          | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 07/25/2022                         | Complaint Investigation & 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                           | B: Left: Infants-Two year old     | Infants and One Year Olds                             | 1                              | 6        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play    |
| Main                           | C: Middle: Older two year olds    | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds   | 2                              | 10       | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                           | D: Right: Three to Five years old | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 1                              | 14       | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch         |
| Main                           | E: School - Age                   |                                                       | 0                              | 0        | C    | 7          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use    |
| Main                           | F: Downstairs Left: School-Age    |                                                       | 0                              | 0        | C    | 5          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use    |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54 |                                   |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |               |
| Total # Children this Date: 30 |                                   |                                                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54 |          |      |            |              |            |              |               |
|                                |                                   |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |               |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | A          | 118                  | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose of the 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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.

#### 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.

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

DeQuanna Lott, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

**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.

**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**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Evening Care**

**591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No evening care hours provided

**Facility**

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| <b>591-1-1-19 License Capacity(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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| <b>591-1-1-25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-26 Playgrounds(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-15 Food Service &amp; Nutrition</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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| <b>591-1-1-18 Kitchen Operations</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**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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| <b>591-1-1-10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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| <b>591-1-1-17 Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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| <b>591-1-1-20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-05 Animals</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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| <b>591-1-1-11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

**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**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant discussed with the provider to make sure the sheet are not too tight on the mattress to cause the mattress to fold.

**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR****Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of staff files that two staff members #3 and #5 did not have evidence of the required health and safety ten hours training.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

**Correction Deadline: 6/10/2023**

**Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.