



**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:** 10/12/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 9:00 AM

**Departure:** 2:35 PM

**CCLC-493**

**Little People's Corner Day Care**

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Joint with: Neli Todorova

**Mailing Address**  
 Same

**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. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/12/2023                         | Monitoring Visit  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/25/2023                         | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/17/2023                         | Complaint Closure | 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     | #1- Right Hall- 1st Right Blue Door Infant     | Infants                           | 3     | 9        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play  |
| Main     | #10 Private Pre-k Yellow Door                  | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1     | 7        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers     |
| Main     | #11 Lunch Room                                 |                                   | 0     | 0        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           |             |
| Main     | #12- Downstairs Right Blue Door SA             |                                   | 0     | 0        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           |             |
| Main     | #14 Downstairs Left Green Door Pre-k           | GA PreK                           | 3     | 19       | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Snack       |
| Main     | #2- Left Hall -1st Left red door Toddler       | One Year Olds                     | 1     | 6        | C    | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers     |
| Main     | #3- Left Hall 2nd Left Yellow Door Two-Three's | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1     | 8        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers     |
| Main     | #4- Left Hall- 3rd Left Orange Door Three's    | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1     | 8        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time |
| Main     | #5- Left Hall- 3rd Right Green Door Two's      | Two Year Olds                     | 1     | 9        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers     |
| Main     | #6- Left Hall- 2nd Right Purple door Toddlers  | Two Year Olds                     | 1     | 7        | C    | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers     |
| Main     | #7- Left Hall 1st Right Blue Door Three's      | Three Year Olds                   | 1     | 12       | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time |

|                                 |                                       |                                 |   |    |                               |    |   |    |    |         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|----|-------------------------------|----|---|----|----|---------|
| Main                            | #8- Back Hall- Left Purple Door Pre-k | GA PreK                         | 2 | 17 | C                             | 25 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main                            | #9- Back Hall Right- Blue Door Pre-k  | Three Year Olds                 | 1 | 12 | C                             | 19 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
|                                 |                                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 202 |   |    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |    |   |    |    |         |
| Total # Children this Date: 114 |                                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 202 |   |    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |    |   |    |    |         |

| Building | Playground                                 | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground- Front Covered                  | 3                    | C                     |
| Main     | Playground- Front Playground End Uncovered | 14                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground- Left Side Front Middle Covered | 8                    | C                     |
| Main     | Playground- Left Side Middle               | 97                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground- Right Side                     | 317                  | C                     |
| Main     | Playground- Trike Path                     | 51                   | C                     |

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit jointly with Neli Todorova on October 12, 2023 and follow-up with the previous visit conducted May 25, 2023.

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/Regulations.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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Frankie Coker, Program Official

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

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children including hand lotion and hand sanitizers.

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.25(13) -Remind staff and substitute teachers to keep personal items stored in a locked area inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute especially after it rains.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observations

- on the big right side playground, there were a seven-inch hole at the bottom of the gate..
- on the left playground to the right, the fence was forty-three inches high.
- on the outer back side, there were multiple areas on the bottom of the fence that was not attached.
- on the back of the right side fence, there was a five inch gap.
- there were protruding bolts around all gates.
- there was rust on the fence of the covered playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - Ensure to fluff and redistribute wood chips outside the fall zones around the equipment and make sure the mats are not posing any tripping hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 10/22/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Ensure there are no ant beds in the playground area. Ensure pine cones and sticks are removed before children go out to play outside.

**Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023**

**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)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(8) -Ensure staff wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water instead of hand sanitizer.

**Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023**

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

**Corrected on 10/12/2023**

.20(3) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant checked four medication records that was completed in its entirety.

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

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

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center stated they do not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) -Ensure to arrange and place sleeping and resting equipment to the requirements in the rule (a minimum of twenty-four inch corridor between each row); train staff and monitor for continued compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023**

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

**Corrected on 10/12/2023**

.30(2)(c) - Previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed sleeping infants in cribs.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

**Corrected on 10/12/2023**

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected. Staff #22 has a Comprehensive Record Check application on file.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2023**

**Corrected on 10/12/2023**

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected. Staff #22 has a current satisfactory comprehensive records check determination on file.

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

**Correction Deadline: 6/24/2023**

**Corrected on 10/12/2023**

.33(5) - Previous citation corrected. Staff member #32 has her 10 hours for 2023 year.

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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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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

Discussed combining children of mixed ages and gave a copy of mixed age form.

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

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

