



**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:** 8/15/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:40 AM

**CCLC-48298**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                  |               | <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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| 08/15/2022                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/01/2022                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 07/15/2021                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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#### 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                           | Room A - Infants   |                                             | 0                              | 0        | C    | 6                             | C            | NA         | NA           |             |
| Main                           | Room B- Toddlers   | Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2                              | 7        | C    | 15                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play   |
| Main                           | Room C - 3 & Older | Three Year Olds                             | 1                              | 6        | C    | 16                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37 |                    |                                             |                                |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |             |
| Total # Children this Date: 13 |                    |                                             | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |             |

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

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit. This visit was conducted in person by the consultant on August 15, 2022.

An Administrative Review was not required due to the Provider does not offer transportation, dispenses medication, allows swimming activities or field trips.

An Exit conference discussing the Monitoring visit report was conducted with the Provider on August 16, 2022. Consultant emailed the report to the Provider for signature and to be emailed back to the consultant within two business days.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/15/2022

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.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



### 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!**

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 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.

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)

Debra Griffin, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, 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)

Not Met

##### Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that in Classroom B, a shelf by the last window to the right was not secure to the wall.

##### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022

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

Met

##### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Evening Care

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

Not Evaluated

##### Comment

This visit was conducted during the day and not the evening hours.

### Facility

#### 591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

##### Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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| <b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**Correction Deadline: 2/11/2022**

**Corrected on 8/15/2022**

**.26(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The orange merry go round and red tunnel were observed to be repainted.**

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2022**

**Corrected on 8/15/2022**

**.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed that the crawl space had been covered making it inaccessible to the children.**

**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 Consultant's observation three active ant beds, one was near the fence to the right of the playground, one was observed between the fence to the right and the slide and one small one was observed near the basketball goal. Also the climbing equipment was observed to have several bars not attached together. In addition consultant observed vines and weeds growing between the fence at the back of the playground.

**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: 8/15/2022**

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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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands after using the bathroom in Classroom B

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

Age-appropriate redirection was observed in Classroom C when a child lost interest in playing Shape Bingo. The teacher was able to redirect the child to continue with the game.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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**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.

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**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 4****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2022

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/15/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3

Met

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2022

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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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.

**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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.