



**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:** 12/2/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM

**Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-38647**

**Laughter & Lullabies Childcare Academy**

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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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| 12/02/2021                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/28/2021                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/11/2020                         | 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 Front      | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds          | 2                              | 11       | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers         |
| Main                           | B: 1R        | Two Year Olds                               | 1                              | 6        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers,Outside |
| Main                           | C: Back R    | Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2                              | 9        | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside,Centers |
| Main                           | D: Back Left |                                             | 0                              | 0        | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           |                 |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82 |              |                                             | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |                 |
| Total # Children this Date: 26 |              |                                             | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                 |
|                                |              |                                             | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |            |              |            |              |                 |

| Building | Playground         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A - Preschool      | 79                   | C                     |
| Main     | B - Infant/Toddler | 19                   | C                     |

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on December 2, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Consultant requested to review all Criminal Record checks for all employees hired after last visit. Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/07/2021

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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

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Tyra Scott, Program Official

Date

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Rebekah Mullinax, Consultant

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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-.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

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

#### Health and Hygiene

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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**

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>Not Evaluated</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**

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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|  | <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**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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|  | <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>Records Reviewed: 10</b> | <b>Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0</b> |
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| Staff # 1 | Met |
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| Staff # 2 | Met |
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| Date of Hire: 11/05/2021 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
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| Staff # 3 | Met |
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| Staff # 4 | Met |
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| Date of Hire: 08/25/2021 |  |
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**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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| Staff # 5                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 10/20/2021 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 6                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 12/15/2016 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 7                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 09/20/2021 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 8                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 08/13/2021 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 9                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 10/25/2021 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 10               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 07/06/2015 |                                                                                             |

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

**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.