



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/16/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 1:50 PM

**CCLC-48022**

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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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| 07/16/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/24/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/20/2023                         | 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     |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Back                           | D- left/ PreK            |                                           | 0                              | 0        | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Back                           | E - / Right/ afterschool |                                           | 0                              | 0        | C    | 11                            | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33 |                          |                                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |                               |              |            |              |           |
| Main - Front                   | A - 1L/1's and 2's       | One Year Olds                             | 1                              | 2        | C    | 8                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play |
| Main - Front                   | B- 1R/3's                | Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1                              | 6        | C    | 11                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers   |
| Main - Front                   | C - 2R/ 6wks to 18 mths  | Two Year Olds                             | 1                              | 4        | C    | 8                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers   |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27 |                          |                                           | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0  |          |      |                               |              |            |              |           |
| Total # Children this Date: 12 |                          |                                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 60 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |           |

| Building     | Playground               | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main - Front | A - left/all ages        | 11                   | C                     |
| Main - Front | B - Back left - All ages | 50                   | C                     |
| Main - Front | D- 6wks - 2 years        | 21                   | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up on previous citations.

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.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.

#### 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)



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



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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

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2024

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that children's records were observed completed.

Evening Care

591-1-1.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided

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 |
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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| 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) | Met |
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**Correction Deadline: 1/25/2024**

**Corrected on 7/16/2024**

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the hazardous items were not accessible to children present for care on this date.

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| 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical | Technical Assistance |
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**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(14) - requires the Center to be lighted with a minimum of twenty-five foot candles of illumination except during rest periods. Areas used for napping shall be lit dimly. Please ensure the blinds in classroom B-1R/3's are open during nap time so that there will be proper lighting to be able to see the children when they are resting.

**Correction Deadline: 8/15/2024**

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| 591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) | Technical Assistance |
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**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Comment**

Discussed with provider to mow grass to prevent future hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 1/25/2024**

**Corrected on 7/16/2024**

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the measurement of the fence was four feet tall.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2024**

**Corrected on 7/16/2024**

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the equipment was free of obstruction and hazards on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. Please ensure the Playground A - Left/all ages have a resilient surface beneath the green and white slide and the fall zone from the green and white slide.

**Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024**

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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| 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations | Met |
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**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 |
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**Correction Deadline: 11/20/2023**

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.10(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the diaper changing surface was properly clean and smooth and nonporous on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) Met

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2024

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit on January 24, 2024.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) Met

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2024

Corrected on 7/16/2024

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that all staff training completed their 10 hour annual training as of this date.

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.