



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/1/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-53322**

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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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| 11/01/2022                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/24/2022                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/05/2021                         | 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 : 1 R : Toddlers            | One Year Olds and GA PreK                      | 1                               | 8        | C                                                          | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time,Free Play,Diapering |
| Main                            | B : 2/3 R: Infants & Toddlers | Infants and One Year Olds and GA PreK          | 2                               | 10       | C                                                          | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Nap                  |
| Main                            | C: 4R: 2 year olds            | Two Year Olds and GA PreK                      | 2                               | 16       | C                                                          | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Art                             |
| Main                            | D : 5R: PreK                  | GA PreK                                        | 2                               | 1        | C                                                          | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                         |
| Main                            | E: 6R: Two year olds          | Two Year Olds and GA PreK                      | 1                               | 10       | C                                                          | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning                   |
| Main                            | F: Back: Afterschool          | GA PreK                                        | 0                               | 0        | C                                                          | 59         | C            | NA         | NA           |                                 |
| Main                            | G: 5L: Three year olds        | Three Year Olds and GA PreK                    | 1                               | 12       | C                                                          | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning                   |
| Main                            | H : 4L: Three year olds       | Three Year Olds and GA PreK                    | 1                               | 9        | C                                                          | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                         |
| Main                            | I: 3L : Four year olds        | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and GA PreK | 1                               | 11       | C                                                          | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                         |
| Main                            | J : 2L : Four year olds       | GA PreK                                        | 0                               | 0        | C                                                          | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           |                                 |
| Main                            | K: 1L : Pre-K                 | GA PreK                                        | 2                               | 1        | C                                                          | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers,Circle Time             |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216 |                               |                                                | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          | Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations |            |              |            |              |                                 |
| Total # Children this Date: 78  |                               |                                                | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 216 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0                              |            |              |            |              |                                 |

| Building | Playground              | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Main     | A - Infants & toddlers  | 44                      | C                        |
| Main     | B - Two years old       | 86                      | C                        |
| Main     | C - Four - 12 years old | 123                     | C                        |
| Main     | D - Four - 12 years old | 72                      | C                        |
| Main     | E - Three years old     | 74                      | C                        |

#### Comments

A plan of improvement was developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/01/2022

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

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Stormy Hendricks, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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 observation that a one-year-old child attempted to pull a basket of wooden puzzles that was unsecure located on the top of the center counter off onto themselves in the 1R Classroom.

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: 11/1/2022

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

### 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

**Met**

#### Comment

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that four of five enrollment applications did not have the full address of the release person listed.

**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)

**Not Met**

#### Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present:

3L Classroom:

rubber gloves on the sink counter within reach which pose a suffocation hazard  
two brooms, two dust pans and a mop in an unlocked cabinet next to the sink

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2022**

#### Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following items were in need of repair:

- "O" rings behind the toilets throughout the center were rusted

- The top of toilet bowl in the 2L Classroom and 5L Classroom had cracks and the center had taped the tops and the tape was observed to be coming off

- Toilet bolts in 5R Classroom needed to be cut flush as it was observed to be more than two threads

- Carpet on the right and left side of the stage in the Back Room was fraying

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 11/15/2022**

**Recited on 11/1/2022**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 observation that all outside play equipment needed to be cleaned due to a black residue and moss.

**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: 11/1/2022**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on a review of records that the following information was missing from infant feeding plans:

- one of 12 did not have the type of formula the child was to be given
- two of 12 did not have any allergies listed
- two of 12 did not have the introductions to solids foods listed

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2022**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

**Corrected on 11/1/2022**

**.18(7) - Citation corrected.**

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

**Corrected on 11/1/2022**

**.18(8) - Citation corrected.**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on a review of records that children in the 1R Classroom were not required to wash hands upon arrival and a child within the room was not required to wash hands after diapering.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2022****Recited on 11/1/2022****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that staff members in the 1R Classroom and 2R Classroom cleaned a child's nose and did not wash hands immediately after. It was further determined that a staff member in the 1R Classroom entered the center for the day, attended circle time, and cleaned two children's noses without washing her hands. In addition, a staff member in the 1R Classroom did not wash their hands before or after diapering.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2022**

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**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.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022**

**Corrected on 11/1/2022**

**.36(7)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected**

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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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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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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.

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

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that two center classrooms did not have a lead teacher meeting the minimum academic requirements.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2022**

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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**

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022**

Corrected on 11/1/2022  
.32(7) - Citation observed to be corrected.