



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/6/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-57429**

**Little Rascals**

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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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 02/06/2025                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/22/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/26/2023                         | 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                   |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Main                           | A: 1st Left  |                                                       | 0                              | 0        | C    | 7                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                 |
| Main                           | B: 2nd Left  | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds                       | 1                              | 5        | C    | 7                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                 |
| Main                           | C: 3rd Left  | One Year Olds                                         | 1                              | 8        | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                 |
| Main                           | D: 1st Right | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 1                              | 13       | C    | 15                            | C            | 21         | C            | Outside                 |
| Main                           | E: 2nd Right | Infants                                               | 2                              | 6        | C    | 18                            | C            | 25         | C            | Nap,Feeding,Flo or Play |
|                                |              |                                                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 59 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                         |
| Total # Children this Date: 32 |              |                                                       | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 59 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                         |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Back       | 24                   | C                     |
| Main     | Front      | 180                  | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years            | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 9                        | 5       | 9       | 7       | 4       | 0                  | 1                 |

### **Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and follow up on previous citations.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decgal.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.

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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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with Director to repair or replace the cover on the yellow soft chair in the two-year-old classroom B where the fabric is beginning to develop a tear.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

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.

Consultant discussed with Director to ensure chairs are not stacked in classrooms when the children are present, to prevent tipping hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024**

**Corrected on 2/6/2025**

**.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date, children's files were observed to be complete.**

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024**

**Corrected on 2/6/2025**

**.19(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date, licensed capacity was observed to be met in all classrooms.**

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**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 the following hazards were accessible to children:

Classroom E (infants) - one bottle of clorox and one container of lysol cleaner and toilet brush was observed stored in a low, unlocked cabinet, accessible to children.

Classroom D (three-year-olds) -one container of clorox toilet cleaner was observed on the toilet, a plunger and broom were observed in the bathroom on the floor, one container of purex sanitizing wipes and one bottle of clorox cleaner was observed in an unlocked, low cabinet, one bag of halls cough drops, one bottle of expo dry erase cleaner, adult scissors, one bottle of white out, and two pairs of fingernail clippers were observed on the teachers desk area, accessible to children.

All items were labeled "keep out of reach of children"

**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: 2/6/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the metal drain cover is secured in the bathroom in classroom C (two-year-olds)

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children.

Consultant discussed with Director to ensure all electrical outlets are covered in the classrooms and areas accessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children.

Consultant discussed with the Director to monitor the tricycles and other outdoor toys on both playgrounds, and ensure they are all in good repair. Please remove any broken toys, furniture or loose pvc pipe that is present on the playgrounds. Discussed to ensure all tricycles have handles and pedals in place, ensure the broken swing is removed or repaired and the carousel bike in the back area is repaired or repainted where rust is developing.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2025**

**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.

Consultant discussed with the Director to rebluff the mulch under the swings and large playground equipment on the front playground, to ensure it is at least six inches deep in all fall zone areas. Also discussed with the Director to ensure the climbing dome also has at least six inches of resilient surfacing under and in the fall zone areas.

**Correction Deadline: 2/16/2025**

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024**

**Corrected on 2/6/2025**

**.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed the platforms on the playgrounds to be repaired without any exposed gaps or hazards.**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with Director to remove the vines beginning to grow on the back fence areas on the front playground Also discussed with Director to remove the mushrooms which are developing under the large tree by the right side of the front playground.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure all infant bottles are labeled with the child's name each day.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. Consultant discussed with Director to ensure hot dogs, cheese cubes, cheese sticks and other foods that are associated with choking are not served to children under the age of four-year-olds.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. Consultant discussed with Director and Staff to ensure children do not wear pacifier attachments while present at the center.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024**

**Corrected on 2/6/2025**

**.10(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected, diaper changing mats were observed to be in good repair.**

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on staff discussion and observation that children's tylenol was being dispensed in the infant classroom without evidence of parental authorization.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

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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 discussion and/or redirection observed.

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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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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on staff discussion that crib sheets were changed/laundered weekly rather than daily as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)2 - Consultant discussed with Director and staff to ensure all children's bedding is stored to ensure that it is not touching other children's bedding. Please ensure when mats are stored in cubbies with sheets on, the sheets are not touching another child's bedding.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024**

**Corrected on 2/6/2025**

**.30(1)(d) - The previous citation was corrected, nap mats were observed to be arranged providing enough space between each mat and row of children.**

## Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that one infant was observed to be sleeping in a swaddled sleeper. Discussed with Director and staff that swaddling sleepers are not permitted without a written physician's statement.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**

## Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

Director provided five file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

### 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2024**

**Corrected on 2/6/2025**

**.33(1) - Correction of the previous citation, staff were observed to have evidence of center orientation. Please ensure staff receive center orientation and it is documented. prior to working in the classrooms.**

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2024**

**Corrected on 2/6/2025**

**.33(5) - Correction of the previous citation, all staff were observed to have evidence of the required 10 hours of annual training for 2024.**

### 591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024**

**Corrected on 2/6/2025**

**.31(2)(b)2. - Correction in the previous citation, Lead staff are currently enrolled in programs. Discussed with Director to ensure each classroom has a lead staff member who has a credential or is in progress of obtaining a credential. Please ensure documentation is kept on file for each staff member working on their credentials.**

## Staffing and Supervision

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(7) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure staff maintain direct supervision at all times. Discussed that if staff must come inside during outside time, staff should ensure another staff member is present to supervise the children in care.

Also discussed with Director to ensure staff sit within arms reach of children under the age of three-years-old during meal times to supervise meals and prevent choking. If mats must be put out or food is served another staff member must be present to sit with the children while eating.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025**