



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 6/26/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-56785**

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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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| 06/26/2024                         | Licensing Study                            | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/17/2024                         | Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/15/2023                         | Complaint Investigation & 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-Right-Infant               | Infants                                                      | 3     | 10       | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play, Diapering |
| Main                            | B-Right 12 months-18 Months  | One Year Olds                                                | 1     | 3        | C                             | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                 |
| Main                            | C-Right -18 months-24 months | One Year Olds                                                | 1     | 7        | C                             | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                 |
| Main                            | D-Right-Two Year Old         | Two Year Olds                                                | 2     | 10       | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                 |
| Main                            | E-Right-Three Year Olds      | Three Year Olds                                              | 3     | 21       | C                             | 30         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Lunch  |
| Main                            | F-Right-Four Year Olds       | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1     | 19       | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                   |
| Main                            | G-Right-Two year old         | Two Year Olds                                                | 1     | 7        | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                   |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 131 |                              |                                                              |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                       |
| Total # Children this Date: 77  |                              |                                                              |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                       |

| Building | Playground         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Preschool          | 65                   | C                     |
| Main     | Toddler Playground | 42                   | C                     |

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/26/2024

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 user id 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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**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.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023**

Corrected on 6/26/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation of hazardous supplies being accessible to children was corrected in that there were no hazardous supplies accessible.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Comment**

Observed bottles to be covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

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. It was determined based on observation that one out of seven one year olds had a pacifier attached to their shirt.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024**

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(6) requires Center Staff to keep any items which might harm a child out of a child's reach. It was determined based on observation that in Room C there were diaper wipes that were labeled "Keep Out of Reach of Children" on the changing table within reach of the children being changed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any harmful item and provide instruction to staff. that includes identification and storage of hazardous items and procedures for keeping classrooms and other children's areas free of hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024**

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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 observation that 21 out of 21 children in Classroom E did not wash their hands after lunch.

**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: 6/26/2024**

**Recited on 6/26/2024**

**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 3 out of 3 staff did not wash their hands before serving lunch.

**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: 6/26/2024**

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| <b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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|  | <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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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.

**Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023**

**Corrected on 6/26/2024**

.11(2) - The previous citation of placing a child in a crib as a form of discipline was corrected in that correct discipline/redirection was observed.

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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>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>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Cribs/cots were observed to be labeled for individual use.

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023**

**Corrected on 6/26/2024**

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation of an infant sleeping in a bouncer seat was corrected in that all sleeping children were in safety-approved cribs.

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|  | <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) | Met |
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Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023

Corrected on 6/26/2024

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation of staff working without their determination letters being ported was corrected in that all staff had current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letters on the center's license number.

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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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 |
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023

Corrected on 6/26/2024

.32(1) - The previous citation of not maintaining the proper Staff : Child ratios was corrected in that the Assistant Director stated that when groups are combined they maintain the ratio for the youngest age group.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023

Corrected on 6/26/2024

.32(4)(a) - The previous citation of mixing ages prior to the last hour was corrected in that the Assistant Director stated they combine the two year olds and under, and the three year olds an up in two different classrooms at 5:30 pm.

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| 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) | Not Met |
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in Room E during the transition from lunch to nap two staff were taking out the cots from the closet in the back left of the room while the third staff was supervising the children that were still eating. During this time the consultant observed four children jumping on other children's cots, and one child pull a trash can up to the changing table and climb onto the side of it.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2024