



**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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**Date:** 4/2/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

**CCLC-32321**  
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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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| 04/02/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/11/2023                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/24/2023                         | Licensing Study  | 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                           | Far Left Rm1027     | Three Year Olds                    | 3     | 8        | C                             | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Story, Transitioning, Field Trip |
| Main                           | Left Rm1024         | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 13       | C                             | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                          |
| Main                           | Middle RM 1000      | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2     | 11       | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                          |
| Main                           | Right Back RM 1002  | Infants and One Year Olds          | 2     | 7        | C                             | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play, Nap                  |
| Main                           | Right Front Rm 1001 | One Year Olds                      | 2     | 1        | C                             | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                          |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 66 |                     |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                  |
| Total # Children this Date: 40 |                     |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                  |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | Left       | 38                   | C                     |
| Main     | Right      | 54                   | C                     |
| Main     | Right Back | 11                   | C                     |

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Licensing Study.

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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Marianne Nordahl, 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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**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**

**Technical Assistance**

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Please ensure that the Center Staff 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. Please ensure that child files include an address for all emergency contacts and release persons.

**Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024**

**Facility**

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| <b>591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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| <b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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| <b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure 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. The consultant and director discussed the presence of roots underneath the turf surfacing. The center plans to add fill around the roots under the surfacing to prevent them from becoming a trip hazard in the next few months.

**Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024**

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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| <b>591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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|  | <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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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 observed throughout the center.

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

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

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

**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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that in classroom Right Back RM 1002, three of eight cribs were observed with the mattress pulled up on the ends leaving gaps under the mattress ends and were not smooth and tight-fitting without gaps as required. Two of the cribs were occupied by sleeping infants.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm and tight-fitting without gaps.

**Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024**

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since the last visit.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

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

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**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**

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