



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 12/15/2023 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:50 AM

Departure: 12:50 PM

CCLC-15166

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation |                 |               | <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. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12/15/2023                  | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/19/2023                  | TA Follow Up    | N/A           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/01/2023                  | TA Follow Up    | N/A           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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 Front | Three Year Olds | 3     | 12       | C                             | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Story, Nap |
| Main                           | B Back  | Two Year Olds   | 1     | 6        | C                             | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                           | C       | Infants         | 1     | 5        | C                             | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40 |         |                 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 23 |         |                 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |            |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | PG         | 195                  | C                     |

Comments

A licensing study was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

Sandi Barnett, Program Official

Date

Beth Holland, Regional Consultant

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2023

Corrected on 12/15/2023

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that appropriate activities and interactions were observed.

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.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Comment**

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2023

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that no children were observed to have anything around their neck while sleeping.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2023

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Organization****591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Met**

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2023

.16(f) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the classrooms were returned to the original licensed capacity

**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

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

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2023

.30(1)(a)1 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that all cribs were observed to be in good condition with no cracks.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2023

.30(1)(b)1 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that mats were observed to be in good condition with no rips or tears.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2023

Corrected on 12/15/2023

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that infants were observed sleeping in cribs.

## 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 last visit on February 3, 2022.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

### Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2023

Corrected on 12/15/2023

.31(1)(c) -

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2023

Corrected on 12/15/2023

.31(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

## 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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2022

Corrected on 12/15/2023

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

