

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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**Date:** 4/21/2023 Arrival: 8:20 AM Departure: 3:45 PM VisitType: Complaint Investigation &

Licensing Study

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Quality Rated: 1



Compliance Zone Designation						
04/21/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing				
12/05/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing				
05/09/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing				

Compliance Zone Designation - 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.

Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Support

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

Deficient

Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

#### Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 2	Room 1	Infants	1	6	С	9	С	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Flo or Play
Building 2	Room 2	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	С	9	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 2	Room 3	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	С	10	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 2	Room 4	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	С	10	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 2	Room 5	One Year Olds	1	7	С	10	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 2	Room 6	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	С	10	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 2	Room 7	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	С	10	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Building 2	Room 8	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	С	9	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 7	77		Total C	Capacity @	25 sq.			
Main	1st left 209 A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	С	13	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd left 209 B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	С	13	С	NA	NA	Snack
Main	2nd right 204	Three Year Olds	2	11	С	16	С	NA	NA	Story
Main	3rd left 207	Three Year Olds	2	10	С	11	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3rd right 202	Three Year Olds	2	12	С	15	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	4th left 205	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	С	14	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	5th left 203	Four Year Olds	1	12	С	13	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	6th left 201	Five Year Olds	1	10	С	14	С	NA	NA	Story

Main	Α	One Year Olds	2	6	С	12	С	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioni ng
Main	В	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	С	12	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	С	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	11	С	13	С	NA	NA	Transitioning,Di apering
Main	D	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	С	13	С	NA	NA	Music,Free Play
Main	E	Two Year Olds	2	8	С	13	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F	Two Year Olds	2	10	С	12	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G	Two Year Olds	2	10	С	16	С	NA	NA	Story
Main	Н	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	С	15	С	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 2	215		Total C ft.: 0	Capacity @2	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 208 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 292 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft : 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Infant Playground	36	С
Main	Large Preschool	41	С
Main	Small Toddler	31	С

#### Comments

4/21/23-A licensing study was conducted on this date. The visit remained open awaiting additional staff records. The center does not provide transportation services.

5/11/23- A copy of this report was emailed to the center.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/21/2023

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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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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 <a href="www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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## (Findings Report)

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#### The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

# **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** Met

Revision Date: 5/11/2023 9:47:41 AM

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

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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** 

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

## **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 in room B there was a hole above the window where a section of wood and dry wall had been removed.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center is in the process of repairing the wall from water damage. The staff stated the hole will be fixed over the weekend.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023

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

Met

#### Comment

The toddler playground was under construction and not being used at the time of the visit. There were no hazards observed on the infant and preschool playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2022

#### Corrected on 4/21/2023

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The center has removed the cited playground equipment. The center has also installed a turf surface to replace the mulch and grass.

**Food Service** 

#### 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

#### Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

## 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

## Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

#### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Per the staff the center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

# **Policies and Procedures**

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.27 requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. It was determined based on observations that the center did not have a copy of the current communicable disease chart; and the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks posted.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will post the notices as required and ensure they remain posted.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

The children cribs were in good condition. The children cots stored in the classrooms were covered as required.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in the center.

Comment

Observed documentation that all previous staff have current CPR and first aid training. The five newly hired staff have been signed up to attend CPR and first aid training.

# 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

#### Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training for the year 2022.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(2)(a) - Please note rule that states a Center with a licensed capacity of 19 or more children must have a designated teacher/lead caregiver for each group of children.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2023

# **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.