



**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:** 6/7/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:50 AM    **Departure:** 1:40 PM

**CCLC-22085**

**Child Development Lab at the McPhaul Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
06/07/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/21/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/18/2022	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
I	123	Three Year Olds	4	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
I	133	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	4	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
I	226		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
I	228	One Year Olds	4	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch
I	242	Two Year Olds	4	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					101	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request	
II	024		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					20	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		
Total # Children this Date: 47			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		121	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
I	A	25	C
I	B	43	C

**Comments**

A monitoring visit 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.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.

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

Amy Kay, Program Official

Date

Beth Holland, Region Consultant

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface and tree roots as tripping hazards. Please fluff and redistribute mulch and spray tree roots to be visible to children.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/26/2022**

**Corrected on 6/7/2023**

**.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.**

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Director provided seven file(s) for employees hired since last visit on June 21, 2022.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022

Corrected on 6/7/2023

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that 100% of staff was observed to be CPR/First aid certified.

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591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022

Corrected on 6/7/2023

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that all staff since June 21, 2022 had evidence of the required health and safety training.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022

Corrected on 6/7/2023

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that all children were observed to be supervised on this date.