

# 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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Compliance Zone Designation				
05/16/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
12/21/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
04/12/2022	Licensing Study	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.		25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A-1L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	С	9	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
Main	B-2L		0	0	С	8	С	NA	NA	
Main	C-3L	One Year Olds	2	4	С	8	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-4L	Two Year Olds	1	8	С	10	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-5L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	С	25	С	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters
Main	F-3R GA PreK	GA PreK	2	20	С	31	С	44	С	Centers
Main	G-2R GA PreK	GA PreK	2	18	С	18	С	25	С	Centers,Transiti oning
Main	H-1R GA PreK	GA PreK	2	15	С	19	С	26	С	Outside,Transiti oning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:	128		Total C ft.: 128	apacity @	25 sq.			
Total # Ch	nildren this Date: 82	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:	128		Total C	Capacity @	25 sq.			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side	40	С
Main	Right Side	39	С

ft.: 128

#### Comments

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/16/2023

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.

#### 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 <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> 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:

# **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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

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Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

# 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### **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 through observation cabinets in classroom A-1L, H-1R, E-5L and G-2R had peeled laminate on the cabinet doors exposing wood beneath.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2023

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

Met

#### Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

#### Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

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2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

**DECAL** 

http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx

USDA

http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

# 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.

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

# **Policies and Procedures**

## 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

#### Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

**Safety** 

#### 591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

#### Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for vehicles AVX8810 and AWM4620 used in transporting children this date.

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#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

#### Comment

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

# 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

**Not Met** 

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined through a review of records the Director did not complete four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage.

### **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2023

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

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#### Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

# **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.