



**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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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 8/17/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-411**

**Smart Kids Childcare/Learning Center**

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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.   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|
| 08/17/2022                         | Monitoring Visit                  | Good Standing |  |
| 06/14/2022                         | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | Good Standing |  |
| 03/17/2022                         | Licensing Study                   | Good Standing |  |
|                                    |                                   |               | <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. |

**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building                        | Room       | Age Group                          | Staff                           | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes                  |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1                               | 1L         | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 13       | C    | 29         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                |
| 1                               | 1st Right  | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 11       | C    | 28         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                |
| 1                               | 2R-Storage |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 9          | C            | NA         | NA           |                        |
| 1                               | 3rd Right  | Infants and One Year Olds          | 1                               | 5        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap,Floor Play,Feeding |
| 1                               | 4R         | One Year Olds                      | 1                               | 4        | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                  |
| 1                               | 5R         | Two Year Olds                      | 2                               | 11       | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                  |
| 1                               | Rear       | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                               | 11       | C    | 38         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                  |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153 |            |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |                        |
| Total # Children this Date: 55  |            |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                        |
|                                 |            |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |                        |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
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**Comments**

The Consultant completed exit conference by phone and a copy of monitoring visit report was electronically emailed to the Program.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/17/2022

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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



### 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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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)

Axel Avin, Program Official

Date

Tomekia Hudson, Consultant

Date



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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.

**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.

**591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined resilient surface under playground equipment measured one inch when six inches are required for equipment.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022**

## 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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

#### Comment

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

#### 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

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 10/31/2000

Staff # 2

Met

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 02/25/2013

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 01/19/2117

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

**Records Reviewed: 14****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Staff # 5                | Met   |
| Date of Hire: 06/20/2019 |   |
| Staff # 6                | Met   |
| Date of Hire: 05/28/2021 |   |
| Staff # 7                | Met   |
| Date of Hire: 11/23/2020 |   |
| Staff # 8                | Met   |
| Date of Hire: 08/16/2021 |   |
| Staff # 9                | Met   |
| Date of Hire: 07/27/2022 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 10               | Met   |
| Date of Hire: 05/09/2022 |   |
| Staff # 11               | Met   |
| Date of Hire: 08/12/2019 |   |
| Staff # 12               | Met   |
| Date of Hire: 08/08/2001 |   |
| Staff # 13               | Met   |
| Date of Hire: 03/16/2022 |   |
| Staff # 14               | Met   |
| Date of Hire: 10/11/2021 |   |

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

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| <b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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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.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.