



**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:** 10/19/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM

**Departure:** 11:35 AM

**CCLC-38249**

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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.
10/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/21/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/23/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	Pre-K		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Main	A- Back Right	Two Year Olds	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B- Back Left	Infants	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Snack,Nap
Main	C- Front Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 14			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 58			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	90	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a LS and to follow-up from the previous visit on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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/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



### 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)

Mojisola Aikhuele, Program Official

Date

Octavia Humphrey, Consultant

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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**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022**

**Corrected on 10/19/2022**

**.15(3) - Consultant observed formula supplied by Parent on this date.**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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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****Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022****Corrected on 10/19/2022****.30(1)(a)3 - Staff stated that crib sheets are changed daily as required by the Department on this date.****Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022****Corrected on 10/19/2022****.30(2)(c) - Consultant observed infant asleep in crib as required by the Department on this date.**

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/24/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/14/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 1 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2021

Corrected on 10/19/2022

.14(2) - Consultant observed staff to have first aide/CPR for all staff.

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591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Not Met

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2021

Corrected on 10/19/2022

.33(3) - Consultant observed all staff to have Health and Safety training on this date.

**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 based on a review of records that the Director did not have valid evidence of four clock hours of food nutrition training as required by the Department.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2022

Recited on 10/19/2022

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2021

Corrected on 10/19/2022

.33(5) - Consultant observed staff to have 10 clock hours of annual training for 2021 as required by the Department on this date.

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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

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.