



**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:** 3/2/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:35 AM    **Departure:** 11:55 AM

**CCLC-39661**

**A Brighter Day Early Learning Academy**

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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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
03/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/20/2023	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
11/03/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Free Play
Main	A	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E - Entry Room		0	0	C	5	C	6	C	Floor Play, Free Play
Main	E - Entry Room	One Year Olds	2	5	C	5	C	6	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 115				
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 115				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Entrance space (right)	2	C
Main	Left Playground	5	C
Main	Left Playground	5	C

Main	Middle Entrance space (right)	2	C
Main	Pre-K Playground	26	C
Main	Pre-K Playground	63	C
Main	Toddler Playground	10	C
Main	Toddler Playground ()	8	C

**Comments**

Any on-site inspection was conducted on March 2, 2023 with the Director Caekelia Sutton. Background checks were all reviewed on March 2, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/02/2023

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, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Caekelia Sutton, Program Official

Date

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Jessica Johnson, 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**

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**

**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022**

**Corrected on 3/2/2023**

**.19(1) - Citation corrected. License capacity maintained.**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.19(1) - Consultant discussed the 35 square feet of usable space per child with the Director.

**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023**

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

**Correction Deadline: 1/20/2023**

**Corrected on 3/2/2023**

**.25(3) - Citation correction. Consultant did not observe any hazards on this date.**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with the Provider replacing the unraveling tape on the floor near the back left wall behind the blue table.

**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023**

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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**Food Service**

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

591-1-1-.15(7) - requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023**

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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 of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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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**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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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.

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**Staff Records**

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

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) - Consultant discussed with the Director electronically porting the most recently issued determination letter prior to staff being at the center.

**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023**

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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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.