



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/8/2022      **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit      **Arrival:** 9:40 AM      **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-46950**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
09/08/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
09/08/2022	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Support	
06/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	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
Building 2	Day Room 1		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	Day Room 2		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Main	A - Up 1L	Infants	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B - Up 2L	Infants	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C - Up 3L		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	D - Up 2R	One Year Olds	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E - Up 1R	One Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F - Down 1R	One Year Olds	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G- Down	One Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H - Down 3R	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	I-Down	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J - Down 1L		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	K- Down	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 159			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 84			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 184			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Back	25	C
Main	B - Front (Near Rd)	28	C
Main	Far Back Playground	12	C

**Comments**

An on-site Monitoring visit/complaint/incident investigation was conducted on September 9, 2022. Investigative findings were concluded on September 9, 2022. Background checks were all reviewed on September 9, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 09/08/2022

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/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



**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.'





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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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the storage basket located in classroom 1-Down was broken with sharp rough edges. It was further determined based on observation that the soft blue couch/sofa located in classroom F-Down 1R had exposed foam.

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Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022

Recited on 9/8/2022

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that a fan was located on the counter next to the sink accessible to the children in care, in classroom I-Down.

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**Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022**

**Recited on 9/8/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following potential hazards existed in the:

Main Building Classrooms:

- Diaper wipes were observed in the hallway.

I-Down classroom

-There was a toilet plunger and toilet brush cleaner in the restroom accessible to children.

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**Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.26(2) requires the center to provide at least one hundred square feet of outside play space for each child using the space at one time.

**Correction Deadline: 9/8/2022**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 6/29/2022**

**Corrected on 9/8/2022**

**.36(7)(c)3. - Director stated that the center has not participated in transportation since the last regulatory visit.**

**Correction Deadline: 6/29/2022**

**Corrected on 9/8/2022**

**.36(7)(d)1. - Director stated that the center has not participated in transportation since the last regulatory visit.**

**Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022**

**Corrected on 9/8/2022**

**.36(7)(d)2. - Director stated that the center has not participated in transportation since the last regulatory visit.**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that there were five crib sheets in classroom A- Up 1L that were not tight-fitting as required on this date. Four out of five cribs were in use on this date. It was further determined based on observation that there were 10 crib sheets in classroom B- Up 2L that were not tight-fitting as required. 10 of the cribs were in use on this date.

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**Correction Deadline: 9/22/2022**

**Recited on 9/8/2022**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 27**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/08/2022	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 06/29/2021	Met
Staff # 18	Met

**Records Reviewed: 27**

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

Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 01/01/2018	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 10/02/2021	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

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

**Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022**

**Corrected on 9/8/2022**

**.09(1)(j) - Citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed complete criminal background checks.**

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**

**Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 6/28/2022**

**Corrected on 9/8/2022**

**.32(1) - Citation corrected. Ratio observed with 2:11 children during the visit.**



**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.