

# 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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#### **Cover Sheet**

Date: 8/12/2022 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 9:15 AM Departure: 11:50 AM

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Compliance Zone Designation			
08/12/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/31/2021	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

Deficient Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

#### Ratios/License Capacity

Total # Children this Date: 117

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	С	25	С	NA	NA	-
Main	В	PreK	2	11	С	24	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	С	Three Year Olds	1	13	С	32	С	NA	NA	Music,Clean Up
Main	D	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	С	31	С	NA	NA	Music
Main	E	Two Year Olds	2	18	С	22	С	NA	NA	Music
Main	F	Two Year Olds	1	10	С	22	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G	Infants	2	12	С	12	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Na p
Main	Н	Infants and One Year Olds	2	12	С	12	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	I	One Year Olds	2	16	С	17	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	J	One Year Olds	1	8	С	17	С	NA	NA	Clean Up,Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 2	14		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground-A	37	С
Main	Playground-B	55	С
Main	Playground-C	66	С

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 214

Total Capacity @25 sq.

#### Comments

An in-person visit was completed on this date. The Director, Darla Yearty, stated that the program does not provide swimming acitivities or administer medications. The transportation van was observed during the visit. The Program was asked to submit Administrative Review documents to the Department by August 19, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/12/2022

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, <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





#### 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!

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)

Darla Harrell, Program Official	Date	Laura Johnson, Consultant	Date			



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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-.03 Activities Technical Assistance

# **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas.

The consultant spoke with the Director about ensuring that all classrooms have a current lesson plan available for review as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2022

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

N/A

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 2

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 3

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 4

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Child # 5 Met

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

.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that four out of five child files reviewed were missing a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2022

	Facility
591-1-106 Bathrooms	Met
Comment Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.	
591-1-119 License Capacity(CR)	Met
Comment Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.	
591-1-125 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Not Met

#### **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 their was a bottle of children's Tylenol, a bottle of children's Cold and Mucus Medication, and a tub of Triamcinolene Acetonide cream located in bookbags in Classroom D and accessible to the children in care. Additionally, there were two bottles of children's Coppertone sunscreen on the ground on the front playground posing a potential hazard to the children in care.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will check bookbags each morning to ensure no hazards are accesible to the children in care. The hazardous items were removed during the visit. The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children when not in use. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2022

#### Recited on 8/12/2022

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that on the Preschool Playground there was a five and half inch gap under the gate on the right side posing a potential entrapment hazard.

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

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2022

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022

## **Corrected on 8/12/2022**

.26(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. No hazards were observed accessible on this date.

Food Service

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

Met

#### Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

#### 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.

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that two children arrived for care in Classroom C and did not immediately wash their hands upon arrival as required. Additionally, one child in Classroom F arrived for care and did not immediately wash their hands upon arrival as required.

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

The Center will train Staff on required hand washing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2022

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

N/A

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

# **Policies and Procedures**

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

Met

#### Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

#### 591-1-1-.05 Animals N/A

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

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

#### Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached.

The consultant spoke with the Director about ensuring that Emergency Medical Forms are complete and includes the name of the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located, and statements regarding any allergies, special medical needs and conditions, and current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2022

# Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Staff Records** 

Records Reviewed: 21	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 12/14/2021	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 11/10/2021	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 04/26/2022	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/24/2020	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/19/2021	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/19/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 03/16/1997	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 07/18/2019	Met

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0 **Records Reviewed: 21** Staff # 9 Met Date of Hire: 03/14/2022 Staff # 10 Met Date of Hire: 07/18/2022 Staff # 11 Met Date of Hire: 09/02/2021 Staff # 12 Met Date of Hire: 11/11/2021 Staff # 13 Met Date of Hire: 08/02/2021 Staff # 14 Met Date of Hire: 01/07/2019 Staff # 15 Met Date of Hire: 10/24/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired Staff # 16 Met Date of Hire: 02/01/2022 Staff # 17 Met Date of Hire: 01/30/2020 Staff # 18 Met Date of Hire: 01/19/2018 Staff # 19 Met Date of Hire: 11/08/2021 Staff # 20 Met Date of Hire: 03/15/2022 Staff # 21 Met Date of Hire: 09/07/2021 Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Met

#### Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

#### Comment

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

### 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

#### Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# **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.