



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

**Date:** 11/2/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 1:40 PM

**Departure:** 4:40 PM

**CCLC-3168**

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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.
11/02/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/26/2022	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/22/2022	Incident Investigation 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
Bldg 1	1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	16	C	11	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Bldg 1	2nd Left 3yr	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	Far Left 4yr	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	30	C	42	C	Nap
Bldg 1	Front		0	0	C	35	C	49	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 142				
Bldg 1 House	Bk Left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 1 House	Center		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 142				
House	Bk Right 1 yr	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Snack, Diapering, Transitioning
House	Front Room 2yr	Infants	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 29						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 142				
Total # Children this Date: 58			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 142			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 142				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	A	390	C
Bldg 1	B	100	C
Bldg 1	C	18	C
Bldg 1	D	38	C
Bldg 1	E	35	C
Bldg 1	F	15	C

**Comments**

An in-person visit was completed on this date. The Director stated that the program does not provide routine transportation or swimming activities. Medication records were reviewed on this date. Criminal Records Checks were observed complete.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/02/2022

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.

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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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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)

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Carolyn Smith, Program Official

Date

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Laura 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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(8) requires toys for children under three years of age to be age-appropriate; non-toxic and lead-free; too large to be swallowed by a child and not capable of causing asphyxiation or strangulation; free of sharp pieces, edges or points; free of small parts which may be pried off by a child, free of rust; and easily cleaned with a disinfectant daily.

The consultant spoke with the Director about ensuring that toys for children under the age of three are cleaned with a disinfectant daily as required.

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - The consultant spoke with the Director about removing the toilet bowl plunger from the left bathroom between the four-year-old classroom and the two-year-old classroom.

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. The consultant spoke with the Director about removing the two nails protruding from wall in the middle bathroom between the four-year-old classroom and the two-year-old classroom that posed a potential protrusion hazard to the children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022**

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

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The consultant spoke with the Director about cutting the bolts measuring more than two-inches in length in both front corners on the preschool playground posing a potential intrusion hazard to the children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the playground:

- One Step2 Country Kitchen Playset located in the sandbox area of the Afterschool Playground had large cracks along the bottom and sides posing a potential hazard to the children in care.
- Two Step2 Stove and Refrigerator Playsets located in the sandbox area of the Afterschool Playground had cracks and holes posing a potential hazard to the children in care.
- Two Step2 children tables with green table tops located on the Afterschool Playground were coming apart creating a gap that posed a potential pinching hazard to the children in care.
- One Step2 child table with a green table tops located on the Preschool Playground was coming apart creating a gap that posed a potential pinching hazard to the children in care.
- One beige plastic chair located on the Preschool Playground had a broken seat with sharp rough edges posing a potential hazard to the children in care.
- Two green and tan plastic stove playsets on the Preschool Playground had cracks in them with sharp rough edges posing a potential hazard to the children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

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

**Corrected on 11/2/2022**

**.26(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. No ant beds were observed on the playground on this date. No additional hazards were observed.**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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**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 one child had their diaper changed and the child did not wash their hands after diapering and was then placed at the table for snack without washing their hands as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that one staff member in the one-year-old classroom did not wash their hands prior to diapering and immediately after diapering a child as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022**

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**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)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)1. requires that cribs be in good repair and free of hazards. Stack cribs and cribs with drop sides shall not be used. It was determined based on observation that one out eight cribs was missing a screw at the bottom causing the side of the crib to come apart at the bottom causing the crib to no longer be in good repair as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove cribs that are not in good repair or that are hazardous and will always provide a crib that is in good repair and is free of hazards for each infant. Stack cribs and cribs with drop sides will not be used

**Correction Deadline: 11/11/2022**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/11/1995	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/23/2022	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 12/05/2015	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2022	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/23/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2022	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/20/1998	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 09/02/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Staff # 12 Met  
Date of Hire: 01/22/2020

Staff # 13 Met  
Date of Hire: 05/01/1988

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

**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-.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**  
Adequate supervision observed on this date.