



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

**Date:** 10/20/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 1:30 PM

**Departure:** 3:40 PM

**CCLC-9126**

**Rainbow Learning Center**

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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.
10/20/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/10/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/28/2021	Licensing Study	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	Rm A	Infants and One Year Olds	1	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Snack,Nap,Diapering,Transitioning	
Main	Rm C		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			16			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date:			10			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			16		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

An in-person visit was completed on this date. The Director stated that the program does not provide routine transportation, administer medications, or provide swimming activities. The program provided one file for an employee hired since the last visit. Criminal Record Checks were observed complete.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/20/2022

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.'

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)

Glenda Lewis, 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-.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)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 3**

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

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

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-.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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The consultant spoke with the staff members about cutting the bolts on the new fence that measure more than two threads in length.

**Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(1) requires that meals and snacks are served, with serving sizes dependent upon the age of the child, that meet nutritional guidelines as established by the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals and snacks shall be varied daily, and additional servings of nutritious food shall be offered to children over and above the required daily minimum, if not contraindicated by special diets.

The consultant went over the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program milk guidelines with the Director and provided guidance of ensuring that children between the ages of two years-old and five-years-old are served unflavored low-fat or fat-free milk and not whole milk as required. A copy of the Child and Adult Care Food Program Meal Patterns for Child and Adults was left with the program during the visit.

**Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water.

591-1-1-.15(3) - The consultant spoke with center staff about ensuring that infant bottles are always labeled with the current date as required.

**Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022**

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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**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) Not Evaluated

**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 Not Evaluated

**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) Met

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2022

Corrected on 10/20/2022

.36(4)(c) - The staff is no longer providing transportation based on statements from the center staff and Director. This citation was corrected. The program will notify the Department before they resume transportation activities,

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/15/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 2

Met

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Date of Hire: 10/27/2009

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/27/2009

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 12/13/2019

Staff # 5 Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in the center.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that no staff member had evidence of certification in CPR and First Aid as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

**Correction Deadline: 11/30/2022**

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/27/2021**

**Corrected on 10/20/2022**

**.33(5) - This citation was corrected on this date. All staff members had evidence of completing ten hours of annual training for the calendar year 2022.**

**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) Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that one staff member was supervising four infants and six one-year-old children in Classroom A and a staff:child ratio of 2:10 was required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that two children were in high chairs drinking bottles and 1 one-year-old child was seated at the table eating a snack with no staff member seated within arms reach as required. The staff member in the classroom was observed briefly turning her back on the children eating in Classroom A to change a child's diaper.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022**