



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 4/25/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 3:00 PM    **Departure:** 4:20 PM

**CCLC-33205**

**(PALS) The Performing Arts and Life Skills**

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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.
04/25/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/14/2022	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
Main	A- 8+-School aged	Six Year Olds and Over	2	14	C	38	C	NA	NA	Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					38		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			
Total # Children this Date: 14		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			38		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	36	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/25/2023

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 user id 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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Pamela Lamar, Program Official

Date

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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)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2022**

**Corrected on 4/25/2023**

**.08(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed children's files to be complete on this date.**

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2022**

**Corrected on 4/25/2023**

**.08(6) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of daily arrival and departure times for children enrolled on this date.**

**Facility**

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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**

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2022**

**Corrected on 4/25/2023**

**.25(8) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed protective caps on all electrical outlets on this date.**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring fencing is maintained and in good repair. The Provider stated that new fencing had been purchased and is waiting to be installed.

**Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based upon observation that there were exposed tree roots along the fence line of the right side of the Playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 4/25/2023**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Safety</b>
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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**

**Correction Deadline: 4/24/2022**

Corrected on 4/25/2023

.36(3)(a-b) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed proof of two hours of transportation training for staff member # 1, and staff member #2 on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2022

Corrected on 4/25/2023

.36(7)(d)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed complete documentation of transportation records and a Staff person to conduct a vehicle check immediately upon completion of the first check of the vehicle as required on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

N/A

**Comment**

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

**Staff Records**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Corrected on 4/25/2023

.09(1)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file for every Employee on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Corrected on 4/25/2023

.09(1)(l)3. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed a Comprehensive Records Check Determination for staff member #1 on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 4/25/2023

.14(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed proof of successful completion of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid for all Staff on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2022

Corrected on 4/25/2023

.33(5) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed evidence of ten clock hours of annual training for staff member #1, and staff member #2 on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2022**

**Corrected on 4/25/2023**

**.32(7) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed children to be supervised on this date.**