



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Date:** 3/17/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:10 AM    **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-53764**

**KinderCare Learning Center #1342**

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**Mailing Address**  
Same

**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.
03/17/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/06/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/02/2022	Complaint Investigation & 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	A: 1R - infant	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Clean Up
Main	B1&B2: 2R - Front	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C:3L rear- Twos	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Circle Time,Centers
Main	D:3L front-tod	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Centers
Main	E:2L - preschool	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	28	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Centers,Circle Time
Main	F: 1L - PreK	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Lunch,Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 52

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	13	C
Main	B	55	C

**Comments**

A monitoring visit was completed with Ms. Jacqueline Sims on this date.

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.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Alish Teele, Program Official

Date

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Deborah Kimbrough, 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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**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)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/2/2022**

**Corrected on 3/17/2023**

**.25(13) - Based on the observation of the consultant, there were no accessible hazardous items inside the classroom.**

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

**Not Met**

**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 that in the middle playground, the slats surrounding the air conditioning unit were in disrepair. The four slats closest to the building were falling off and easily removable. The middle playground has a storage closet that has hoses stored that can be opened by a child. Based on observation, the back playground has a gap or an opening at the bottom of the gate that is located in the far back, that is more than four inches wide.

**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: 3/17/2023**

**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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/7/2022**

**Corrected on 3/17/2023**

.21(3) - Based on the observation of the consultant, the fire drill log was up to date.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/13/2022**

**Corrected on 3/17/2023**

.36(4)(c) - The childcare center does not provide routine transportation. The previous citation was for a field trip.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) - Based on the review of the documentation, an employee who is on leave and who's start date is February 2021, has an expired criminal records check. This employee cannot return until the background check has been completed and has a satisfactory determination.

**Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(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

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**591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records      Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/7/2022**

**Corrected on 3/17/2023**

**.24(1) - Based on the review of the records, staff #15 is no longer employed with the center, and staff #6 has up to date training.**

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

**Correction Deadline: 1/1/2023**

**Corrected on 3/17/2023**

**.33(5) - Based on the review of the documentation, staff member #8 and #9 have completed training.**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)      Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.