



**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:** 5/10/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 11:15 AM    **Departure:** 4:15 PM

**CCLC-52839**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/10/2023	Licensing Study	Deficient
11/03/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/06/2022	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 rules.

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

**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	Room A - Front	Three Year Olds	2	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B - Far Right	Infants	1	1	C	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room C - Middle Back	One Year Olds	2	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D		0	0	C	3	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			14			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations
Total # Children this Date: 9			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 14			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	14	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Children's and staff files were available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the report was conducted on this date with staff member in charged. Consultant emailed a copy of the signed report to the provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/24/2023

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.decgal.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 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)



#### 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@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Joi Thomas, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, Regional Consultant

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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**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

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. It was determined based on consultant's observation, Room A, Room B and Room C did not have a lesson plan posted for the consultant to review.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure all areas are completed when completing the children's enrollment forms.

**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023**

**Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2023**

**.08(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed attendance records for all children enrolled.**

	<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Not Met**

**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 rust was observed on the green climbing equipment, red vehicle and red slide.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/20/2023**

**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 on consultant's observation that the following hazards were present:

- A collection of concrete rocks beside the building
- Weeds were observed growing through the resilient surface

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**Correction Deadline: 5/12/2023**

**Recited on 5/10/2023**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

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. It was determined based on review of the menu, a whole grain and a milk were missing from the lunch that was listed on the menu.

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**Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2023**

**.15(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the correct feeding plan being used on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(5) requires that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months. It was determined based on observation, there was a menu posted only listing the lunch being served that day.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.27 requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. It was determined based on observation, the following posted notices were missing:

- \* A statement allowing Parents access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence;
  - \* Names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence;
  - \* The current week's menu for snacks
  - \* A statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center
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**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023**

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discipline was discussed with the director on this date.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

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**Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2023**

**.30(1)(a)2 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The infant crib being used on this date, had a crib mattress measuring over the two inches that is required.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation, the infant crib in the middle that was being used for one infant was observed to have a loose fitting sheet and not tight-fitting as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023**

**Recited on 5/10/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on staff statement that the infant present was placed in the crib on their stomach and not the back as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023**

**Recited on 5/10/2023**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of staff, three out of twelve staff were present and had not submitted an application to have the fingerprints completed before being present in the facility. Staff missing an application to complete satisfactory criminal records check determination:  
Staff number six (6)  
Staff number nine (9)  
Staff Number eleven (11)  
Staff Number twelve (12)

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**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on observation of staff records, three out of twelve staff members did not have a current satisfactory comprehensive records check determination prior to being present in the facility. Staff missing a satisfactory criminal records check determination:

- Staff number six (6)
  - Staff number nine (9)
  - Staff Number eleven (11)
  - Staff Number twelve (12)
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**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023**

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

**Comment**

Please replace or add missing or expired items in first aid kit.

**Correction Deadline: 12/3/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2023**

**.14(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

**Correction Deadline: 12/3/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2023**

**.14(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff were observed to have a current CPR and First Aid certification on file for the consultant to review.**

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2023**

**.33(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected. The director completed the four (4) hour training for food preparation and nutrition.**

**Correction Deadline: 7/6/2022**

**Corrected on 5/10/2023**

**.33(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Staff were observed to have the ten (10) hours of the required annual training for the year 2022.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.