

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 11/3/2022 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 11:00 AM Departure: 1:15 PM

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Same

**Quality Rated: No** 

<u>Com</u>	oliance Zone Desig	<u>gnation</u>	<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							
11/03/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	standing, support, and deficient.							
06/06/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	Good Standing	<ul> <li>Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> </ul>						
04/11/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Support	<ul> <li>Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</li> </ul>						
			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.			Notes
Main	Room A - Front		0	0	С	11	С	NA	NA	
Main	Room B - Far Right	Infants	2	1	С	6	С	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Room C - Middle Back		0	0	С	5	С	NA	NA	
Main	Room D		0	0	С	3	С	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: 1		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 14		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			•			

BuildingPlaygroundPlayground<br/>OccupancyPlayground<br/>ComplianceMainPlayground14C

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit. Documentation was not available that is requied during a monitoring visit for the consultant to review.

The director was not present at the facility for the consultant to conduct an exit conference with and discuss the report. The exit conference was conducted with a staff member that was left in charge of the facility.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/03/2022

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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.

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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 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 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

Joi Thomas, Program Official	Date	Charlene Story, Regional Consultant	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 on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

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

**Not Met** 

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

## **Corrected on 11/3/2022**

.08(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The infant child present on this date, had an enrollment application on file for the consultant to review.

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on review of attendance records that attendance for the child present had not been recorded since October 18, 2022.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

#### Recited on 11/3/2022

Facility

## 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

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

#### **Corrected on 11/3/2022**

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no hazardous chemicals stored underneath the cabinet of the sink in Classroom B-Infants.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

#### **Corrected on 11/3/2022**

.25(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. the electrical outlet underneath the double windows beside the door entering the Room A-Front Room was observed to protective caps making them inaccessible to the 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.

#### 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: 11/13/2022

#### 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
- -Exposed concrete around the poles anchoring the swing set and the base on the yellow tube
- -Overgrown grass around 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.

Revision Date: 7/24/2023 10:31:35 AM

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2022

Recited on 11/3/2022

**Food Service** 

### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on review of children's records, one infant was present without an infant feeding plan completed by the parent.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

#### Recited on 11/3/2022

## **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 Consultant's observation, a menu was not provided for parents or consultant to view.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will list all of the current week's meals and snacks and all substitutions on the menu and keep past menus on file for six months and will implement a system to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

#### Recited on 11/3/2022

# **Health and Hygiene**

## 591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

#### **Corrected on 11/3/2022**

.17(7)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures to the consultant on this date.

### 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: 11/3/2022

#### **Corrected on 11/3/2022**

.21(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant was able to view fire drills had been conducted the months of June, July, August, September and October.

Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

There was only one infant child present at the time of the visit. Consultant discussed redirection and discipline with the staff.

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined that the crib mattresses in the the first crib to the left and the third crib by the window to the left, measured less than the required two inches thick.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps and at least two inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material.

#### Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

## **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 that two of two cribs used were observed to have loose fitting sheets and were not tight fitting as required. In addition, staff stated that crib sheets were taken home and washed weekly and were not washed daily as required.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

#### Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

#### **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, guilts, 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.

## **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

#### **Corrected on 11/3/2022**

.30(2)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant did not observe the infant child present sleeping. Staff stated that they lay the infant in the crib when going down for nap.

Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined the Director did not evidence of completing the CPR and First Aid Training.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection. Tjhe owner stated that all staff are scheduled to complete the CPR and First Aid training during the week of November 7, 2022.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2022

## **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 that the only two staff member that were present and still within their 90 days, did not have CPR and First Aid certification.

## 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. The owner of the program stated that all employees will complete the CPR and First Aid during the week of November 7, 2022.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2022

## 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

**Not Met** 

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2022

#### **Corrected on 11/3/2022**

.33(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Director was able to present evidence that Health and Safety had been completed.

### **Finding**

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on review of training records, there was not documentation for the consultant to review of the Director completing the four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2022

#### Recited on 11/3/2022

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591-1-1-.33(5)-This citation will be deferred until the next regulatory visit.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 7/6/2022

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)

Met

#### Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2022

#### **Corrected on 11/3/2022**

.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Staff were interacting and actively supervising the children in their care.