

# 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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#### **Cover Sheet**

Date: 8/18/2022 Arrival: 9:40 AM Departure: 10:20 AM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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Quality Rated: \*



			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
08/18/2022	Monitoring Visit		standing, support, and deficient.
02/08/2022	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
11/04/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	Support  - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.  Deficient  - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring

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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	A/1R	One Year Olds	1	3	С	8	С	NA	NA	Outside,Music,Tr ansitioning
Main	B/2R		0	0	С	8	С	NA	NA	
Main	C/3R		0	0	С	29	С	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18	3		Total Capacity @25 sq. Building @35 capacity limit ft.: 0 Centers Request		city limited by			
Total # Children this Date: 3 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18		3		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.				

Building Playground		Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	Only	50	С	

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 19, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in-person visit was completed on August 18, 2022. The administrative review letter was left on site and the signature of the director was obtained on the administrative review letter.

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since the last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/18/2022

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.decal.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





# 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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal 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 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
- 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) Antionette Brown, Program Official Date Kesha McNeal, 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 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. **Evening Care** 591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR) Met Comment No evening care hours provided 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

# Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Not Met** 

### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that the playgrounds is protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. On this date the consultant observed a three inch gap located across from the red and yellow shaded area causing a potential entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2022

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that there was a six inch gap located behind the red and yellow non-mobile car causing a potential entrapment hazard.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2022

# **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

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

# Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

# **Policies and Procedures**

# 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 the Consultant's observation that the Center's current License for 2022 was not posted as required.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director posted the current License during the Licensing Study visit.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2022

# Recited on 8/18/2022

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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)

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of cots, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of cots was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

# **Records Reviewed: 3**

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 03/28/2011

Staff # 2

Date of Hire: 01/26/2022

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 05/11/2013

# Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

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

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision** 

591-1-132 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
Comment Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.	
591-1-132 Supervision(CR)	Met

# Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.