



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 8/10/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:00 AM

**Departure:** 10:35 AM

**CCLC-32499**

**McIntosh Trail ECDC Head Start**

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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.
08/10/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/13/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/18/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

  

<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.

**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	1sr R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	1st L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Music,Centers
Main	2nd L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3rd L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 44			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	9	C
Main	Large	94	C

**Comments**

An in person visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.al.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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical 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](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)

Kristina Laster, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, 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-.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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Please ensure that all areas of enrollment applications are filled out with no blanks left.

**Correction Deadline: 8/10/2022**

**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**

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

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health** **Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the use of bibs.

**Correction Deadline: 8/10/2022****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)** **Not Evaluated****Comment**

Per the director no medication has been dispensed since the last regulatory visit.

**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

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

<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>Records Reviewed: 50</b>	<b>Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0</b>
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Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 01/14/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 01/22/2019	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 02/01/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 07/06/2018	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 01/23/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/21/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/04/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/11/2015	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 01/18/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/18/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/19/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/17/2019	Met
Staff # 13	Met

**Records Reviewed: 50****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 07/25/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 01/17/2015	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 01/18/2019	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 01/15/2019	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 01/30/2019	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 05/05/2014	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 01/24/2019	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 01/11/2019	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2019	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 01/11/2019	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/1994	
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2015	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2015	
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 01/24/2019	
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2019	

Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 01/28/2019	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 07/12/2019	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 02/02/2022	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 01/17/2019	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 10/01/2005	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 08/01/2015	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 01/10/2015	Met
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 01/22/2015	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 09/30/2015	Met
Staff # 38	Met
Staff # 39 Date of Hire: 01/24/2019	Met
Staff # 40 Date of Hire: 02/18/2019	Met
Staff # 41 Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	Met
Staff # 42 Date of Hire: 03/11/2022	Met
Staff # 43 Date of Hire: 01/17/2019	Met
Staff # 44	Met

**Records Reviewed: 50**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 06/16/2021

Staff # 45 Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2019

Staff # 46 Met

Date of Hire: 01/29/2015

Staff # 47 Met

Date of Hire: 09/17/2017

Staff # 48 Met

Date of Hire: 10/17/2018

Staff # 49 Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2019

Staff # 50 Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**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**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.