



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

**Date:** 9/12/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-49963**

**Brinkley's Day Care Center**

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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.
09/12/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/14/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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	A-1R/ 6wk-18mth		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-2R/ 1's & 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Outside
Main	C-1L/3 and up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	30	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 45					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 53					
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 45			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 53				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- 6wk-2 year	10	C
Main	Playground B- 3 and up	74	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/12/2022

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.dec.state.ga.us/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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) 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)

JoAnne Jones, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, 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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the bottom of the red door for Room B needs to be repaired as it is rusting.

**Correction Deadline: 10/12/2022**

**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022**

**Corrected on 9/12/2022**

**.25(13) - Citation corrected.**

**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 the top of the small wooden climber boards were observed to be chipping wood. It was further determined that the wooden climber with the tire swing was observed to be chipping wood on the seating where the tire swing was located.

**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: 9/22/2022****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on observation that the following items were not secured on the large playground:  
-yellow and green round metal equipment.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

**Correction Deadline: 9/19/2022****Recited on 9/12/2022****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resilience. It was determined based on observation that the resilient surfacing under the wooden climbers and yellow climber inadequate in that grass was growing through the mulch.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resilience.

**Correction Deadline: 9/26/2022****Recited on 9/12/2022**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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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****Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022****Corrected on 9/12/2022****.17(8) - Citation corrected.**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022

Corrected on 9/12/2022  
.29(2) - Citation corrected.

## Safety

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Not Evaluated

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

**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.

## Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/09/2000	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/03/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/26/1988	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/13/1978	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 04/23/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/12/1999	

**Records Reviewed: 9**

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

Staff # 8

Met

Staff # 9

Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022**

**Corrected on 9/12/2022**

**.09(1)(c) - Citation corrected the center staf all have current criminal record check and no new staff.**

**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022**

**Corrected on 9/12/2022**

**.09(1)(l)3. - Citation corrected the center staff all have current criminal record check and no new staff.**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/13/2022**

**Corrected on 9/12/2022**

**.14(2) - Citation corrected.**

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in Room A the one-year-old and two-year-old classroom staff were not seated within arms length away during lunch. One staff was placing down cots and the other was cleaning areas.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2022**