

# 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**

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Date:** 9/7/2022 VisitType: Licensing Study Departure: 12:15 PM

# CCLC-45917

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Compliance Zone Designation				
09/07/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
06/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
10/06/2021	LS POI Follow Up	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

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

# Ratios/License Capacity

Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
1L	Three Year Olds	2	14	С	20	С	NA	NA	Outside
1R	PreK	2	20	С	24	С	NA	NA	Centers
2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	С	17	С	NA	NA	Music
2R	PreK	2	11	С	22	С	NA	NA	Art
3L	Three Year Olds	2	12	С	17	С	NA	NA	Free Play
3R	PreK	2	20	С	22	С	NA	NA	Centers
4L	One Year Olds	2	4	С	11	С	NA	NA	Art
4R	Two Year Olds	2	8	С	12	С	NA	NA	Outside
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Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 100 Total Capacity @25 sq. Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145 ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- 1-3	125	С
Main	B- School Age	232	С
Main	C- Preschool	107	С

#### Comments

On September 7, 2022, the consultant followed up to previous visit and conducted an on-site Licensing Study.

Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. The Consultant completed the exit conference on-site and a copy of licensing study visit report was signed and left on-site on September 7, 2022.

Consultant requested to review all Criminal Record checks for all employees hired after last visit. Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/07/2022

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 a1 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 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.

erise Fields, Program Official	Date	Rebekah Mullinax, Consultant	Date



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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

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

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Met

# Facility

## 591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

#### Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

# 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.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

### **Technical Assistance**

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. On this date the consultant observed a red plastic sand box lid to have multiple cracks on playground A. Please ensure that outdoor equipment is regularly maintained as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2022

### **Technical Assistance**

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. On this date the consultant observed exposed tree roots on the far left corner of playground A. Please ensure that the exposed tree roots are removed or covered with resilient surface as required

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2022

# Food Service

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

Met

## Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

### 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

### Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

# **Policies and Procedures**

# 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

### Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills as of August 24, 2022.

**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** 

Met

## Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

### 591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

## Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

# Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment 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)

Met

### Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

### Commen

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

# **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: 22**

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

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 08/29/2022 Met

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90

calendar days of hired

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2016

**Records Reviewed: 22** Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0 Staff #3 Met Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 Date of Hire: 08/01/2022 calendar days of hired Staff #4 Met Staff #5 Met Date of Hire: 07/27/2021 Staff #6 Met Date of Hire: 07/01/2016 Staff #7 Met Date of Hire: 07/01/2016 Staff #8 Met Date of Hire: 07/01/2016 Staff # 9 Met Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 Date of Hire: 07/25/2022 calendar days of hired Staff # 10 Met Date of Hire: 12/01/2021 Staff # 11 Met Date of Hire: 05/01/2022 Staff # 12 Met Date of Hire: 07/01/2019 Staff # 13 Met Date of Hire: 03/07/2022 Staff # 14 Met Date of Hire: 02/15/2021 Staff # 15 Met Date of Hire: 09/07/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired Staff # 16 Met Date of Hire: 08/20/2018 Staff # 17 Met Date of Hire: 07/06/2021

Records Reviewed: 22 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 08/25/2021

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 08/29/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90

calendar days of hired

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 07/11/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90

calendar days of hired

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 09/27/2021

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2022

# Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Met

### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

# 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

### Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.