



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

**Date:** 6/13/2022    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:30 AM    **Departure:** 1:20 PM

**CCLC-165**

**The Sunshine House #96**

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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.
06/13/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/01/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/09/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	A: 1L-Front		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	B: 1L-Rear	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	17	C	12	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C: 2L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D: 3L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E: 4L		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	F: 5L		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	G: 6L	Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	C	25	C	35	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 155					
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 155				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Left-Toddler	40	C
Main	B: Middle-Preschool	60	C
Main	C: Right-School Age	40	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/13/2022

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/Regulations.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)

Jasmine Gervin, Program Official

Date

Sondra Paster, 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, as applicable.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that seventeen children were present in a classroom that was licensed for twelve.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 6/14/2022**

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 observation that the following hazards were observed on the outdoor play areas:

1. A hanging gutter post on the school-age playground.
2. A metal piece on the platform of the blue/yellow slide was observed to be unsecured and posed a hazard to children on the left side playground.
3. The heating/cooling unit was accessible to children due to the metal post being unsecured and having gaps which allows children to access the unit on the middle back 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.

**Correction Deadline: 6/14/2022**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Correction Deadline: 9/2/2021****Corrected on 6/13/2022**

Previous citation corrected as the consultant observed transportation documentation to be met on this date.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 16**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/15/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 06/21/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 01/28/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 05/12/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 06/14/2016	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit on September 1, 2021.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that seventeen children (one one-year-old, eight two-year-olds and eight three-year-olds) were observed to be present with one staff in classroom B (1L-Rear). Two staff were required to be present.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

**Correction Deadline: 6/14/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old child was mixed with eight two-year-olds and eight three-year olds in classroom B (1L-Rear).

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

**Correction Deadline: 6/14/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.