



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

**Date:** 9/13/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:50 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-54995**

**Calhoun County Child Development Center**

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 Same

**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
09/13/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/01/2022	Initial Licensing Study	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	Room A: 1L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room B: 2L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Feeding, Floor Play
Main	Room C: 3L	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room D: 4L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room E: 5L	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Outside
Main	Room F: 7L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room G: 8L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room H: 6L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 74			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - (EHS)	29	C
Main	Playground B	333	C

## Comments

The purpose of the visit was to complete a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/13/2022

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.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 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)

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Benny Flowers, Program Official

Date

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Sondra Paster, 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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that two white book shelves in classroom C (3L) were observed to be unsecured. It was further determined that a wooden book shelf in classroom D (4L) was observed to be unsecured.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

**Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

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

**Corrected on 9/13/2022**

**The consultant observed portable exhaust fans to be present in the bathrooms and diapering areas.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that classrooms B and C were observed to have missing tiles behind the diapering changing table.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

**Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that disinfectant wipes were observed sitting on a low shelf in classroom A bathroom. The consultant further observed hand sanitizer sitting on a teacher's desk in classroom D.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/11/2022****Corrected on 9/13/2022**

The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected as the old equipment had been removed and resilient surfacing was observed throughout all fall zones.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2022****Corrected on 9/13/2022**

The consultant observed to the center to have a variance/waiver to place portable exhaust fans in all diapering classrooms.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

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**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 27**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/15/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2022	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2022	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

**Records Reviewed: 27**

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

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2022

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

**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.

**Comment**

Director provided eight files for employees hired since last visit on February 1, 2022.

**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.