



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

**Date:** 12/8/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 11:35 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-581**

**Miss Georgee's Play-kare**

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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.
12/08/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/05/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/21/2021	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 - 1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B - 2nd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C - 3rd Left	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D 3rd Right		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Main	E - Pre K		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	
Main	F - 1st Right	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	17	C	23	C	Transitioning, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131							
Total # Children this Date: 48			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	74	C
Main	Playground B	183	C

**Comments**

The purpose of the visit is to conduct a monitor visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/08/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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)

Veronica Roach, Program Official

Date

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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

**Not Met**

**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 an unlocked cabinet beneath the diapering table was observed to have diapers and wipes in plastic that stated "keep out of reach of children" that were accessible to children.

**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: 12/8/2022**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 first and second step on the green/yellow jungle gym first set of steps were observed to have wood that was observed to be splitting exposing sharp edges to children.

**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: 12/15/2022****Recited on 12/8/2022****Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed ensuring the padlocks on outdoor fencing gates are unlocked when children are present at the center as this poses a fire hazard in case of an emergency. The director stated that locks will be unlocked in the morning before children arrive.

**Correction Deadline: 12/8/2022****Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 4/5/2022****Corrected on 12/8/2022**

Previous citation corrected as staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing procedures.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for the following vehicles used in transporting children this date:  
PQQ7331- July 14, 2022  
PAY3373-July 15, 2022

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 15****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2015

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/2022

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

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 09/18/2018

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2016

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 11/08/2022

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

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 12/05/2022

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

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2022

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**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 two files for employees hired since last visit on April 5, 2022.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.