

# 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**

Date: 7/21/2022 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 8:50 AM Departure: 10:15 AM

# CCLC-50784

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# Quality Rated:



Compliance Zone Designation				
01/11/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
11/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
03/25/2021	Licensing Study	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

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	Ā	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	14	NC	21	С	- NA	NA	Nap
Main	В		0	0	С	19	С	NA	NA	
Main	С		0	0	С	19	С	NA	NA	
Main	D		0	0	С	20	С	NA	NA	
Main	E		0	0	С	24	С	NA	NA	
Main	F		0	0	С	23	С	NA	NA	
Main	G		0	0	С	23	С	NA	NA	
Main	Н		0	0	С	23	С	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 17	72		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 14 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 172

Total Capacity @25 sq.

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	A	217	С	
Main	В	21	С	

# Comments

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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 <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> 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 <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> 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)

Cheryl Greenwood-Perkins, Program Official	Date	Kaycee Purvis, Consultant	Date



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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment** 

591-1-1-.03 Activities Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance** 

591-1-1-.03(3) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that staff have planned age appropriate activities for all children.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2022

**Corrected on 7/21/2022** 

.03(7) - Correction of previous citation in that Staff stated that children play outside daily.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

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.

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 1 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1 Met

#### **Finding**

591-1-Ī-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based upon a review of records that the center failed to provide the Consultant with children's enrollment files during an administrative review.

# **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not provide a copy of children's arrival and departure records to the Consultant during the administrative review.

# **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2022

Recited on 7/21/2022

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)

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 upon observation that there was a pack of Pampers wipes in a child's bag on the floor accessible to children in between two cribs in Classroom A. It was further determined that there was a pack of Pampers Sensitive wipes in a child's bag on the floor accessible to children in between two cribs in Classroom A. It was also determined that there a broom and dust pan accessible to children in the corner of the room by the entrance door in Classroom A.

# 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: 7/21/2022

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based upon observation that there were eleven mushrooms on the front right side of Playground A.

# **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The harmful item will be removed. Correction Deadline: 8/12/2022

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

**Not Met** 

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based upon observation that the fence gate on Playground B was broken and falling off the the fence hinges.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2022

# 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 upon observation that Playground A had two wasps present. It was further determined that Playground B had ants present along the white barrier of the playground area.

# 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: 8/12/2022

Recited on 7/21/2022

**Food Service** 

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

**Not Met** 

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022

# **Corrected on 7/21/2022**

.15(2) - Correction of previous citation. No infants enrolled at this time.

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.15(5) requires that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not provide a copy the menu to the Consultant during the administrative review.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will list all of the current week's meals and snacks and all substitutions on the menu and keep past menus on file for six months and will implement a system to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022

Recited on 7/21/2022

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2022

#### **Corrected on 7/21/2022**

.18(10) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed a trash can with a lid in the Kitchen on this date.

# **Health and Hygiene**

#### 591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2022

#### **Corrected on 7/21/2022**

.07(5) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe any children to wear hazardous items around their neck.

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

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.10(8) requires that Center Staff with diaper changing responsibilities to not be simultaneously assigned to kitchen food preparation duties. It was determined based upon staff statement that center staff with diaper changing responsibilities were also assigned to kitchen food preparation duties when a staff member stated that they prepare meals for the center.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will institute and follow procedures that ensure Staff responsible for diaper changing are not simultaneously assigned to kitchen food preparation duties.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022

#### Recited on 7/21/2022

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

Not Met

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based upon observation that center staff failed to wash a child's hands after diapering.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handshaking for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based upon observation that center staff failed to wash their hands prior to changing a child's diaper during the consultant's visit.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022

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

N/A

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

# **Policies and Procedures**

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

**Not Met** 

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.21(1)(p) requires the Center to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Center; to have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations. The plan must apply to all children in care and include specific accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions and shall include assurance that no Center Personnel will impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not provide a copy the written emergency preparedness plans to the Consultant during the administrative review.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will write or revise an emergency plan that includes all of the required items.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022

#### Recited on 7/21/2022

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not provide a copy of fire drills and other emergency drills to the Consultant during the administrative review.

# **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022

#### Recited on 7/21/2022

Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2022

#### **Corrected on 7/21/2022**

.30(2) - Correction of previous citation in that staff stated that they do not allow objects in the crib with infants. The Consultant also did not observe any objects with infants in cribs on this date.

Staff Records

# Records Reviewed: 4 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2

Date of Hire: 03/06/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 03/06/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 10/06/2020

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Not Met** 

# Finding

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not provide evidence of completed First Aid and CPR training to the Consultant during the administrative review.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022

#### Recited on 7/21/2022

# 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not provide evidence of nutrition training to the Consultant during the administrative review.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022

#### Recited on 7/21/2022

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)

**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 upon observation that Classroom A had a ratio of 1:14 when a ratio of 2:14 was required.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022

#### **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 upon observation that seven one-year-old children and two two-year-old children were housed in Classroom A with two three-year-old children, one five-year-old child, and two children over the age of six-years-old.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2022

# 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 upon observation that center staff failed to supervise children at all times when the staff member walked out of Classroom A to open the front door at the lobby to let in a parent and child as well as the Consultant. It was further determined that the staff member walked out of Classroom A a second time to let a parent and two children in while the Consultant was present.

#### 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: 7/21/2022

Recited on 7/21/2022

