



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/18/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:15 AM    **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-51677**

**Rocking Horse Childcare Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/18/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/07/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/26/2022	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 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	E:1L	One Year Olds	1	9	C	7	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room A	Infants	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room D	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Infant)	13	C
Main	Playground B (Toddler)	12	C
Main	Playground C (3 - 12 yrs)	38	C

**Comments**

An in person inspection was conducted on May 18, 2023 with the director.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decgal.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

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)



#### 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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Danyelle Wentzell, Program Official

Date

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

**Corrected on 5/18/2023**

Previous citation corrected. Both rooms and A and B have added appropriate activities for children to engage in activities. There were no students climbing and playing inside the cabinets on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

**Corrected on 5/18/2023**

Previous citation corrected. The teachers were following the schedule on this date. There was no outside play due to weather.

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/14/2022**

**Corrected on 5/18/2023**

**Previous citation corrected. Room D toilets were cleaned and in good repair in this date. The outside doors did not have rust on this date. The rabbit was removed from the center.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that Room D had a missing entrance door knob.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2023**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

**Corrected on 5/18/2023**

**.26(9) Previous citations were corrected. There were no vines growing through the back fence on this date. The pea gravel was in good condition on this date and there were no tripping hazards. There were no active ant beds observed on this date.**

**The gutter and the pink house was removed from the playground.**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that the bottles in the infant room were not labeled for individual use.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2023**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

**Corrected on 5/18/2023**

Previous citation corrected. Teachers were observed to use the proper hand washing process on this date.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

**Corrected on 5/18/2023**

Previous citation corrected. The rabbit was removed from the center.

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

**Corrected on 5/18/2023**

Previous citation corrected. No children were observed to be in the pack and play on this date. Director stated that children are placed in a privacy space and redirection.

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

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022**

Corrected on 5/18/2023  
Previous citation corrected. The pack and play was removed from room B.  
Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2023  
Previous citation corrected. Staff stated that crib sheets are changed daily.  
Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2023  
Previous citation corrected. No child was asleep in a swing, on this date.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**  
Director provided files for four employees hired since last visit on November 7, 2022.  
**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

Corrected on 5/18/2023  
Previous citation corrected. Staff ! is no longer employed at the center.  
**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

Corrected on 5/18/2023  
Previous citation corrected. The staff #1 is no longer employed.

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**  
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Comment**  
Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

Corrected on 5/18/2023  
Previous citation corrected. Staff is no longer employed.

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

Corrected on 5/18/2023  
.31(2)(c) - Per the director, there is one lead teacher with educational credential requirements.

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022**

Corrected on 5/18/2023  
Previous citation corrected. There were no mixing of ages on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2022

Corrected on 5/18/2023

Previous citation corrected. Children were properly supervised on this date. There were no concern on this date.