



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 1/17/2023    **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:55 AM    **Departure:** 2:10 PM

**CCLC-157**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<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.  <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.
01/17/2023	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/14/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/10/2022	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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	1st Right Rear	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1st Left Rear	GA PreK	2	20	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd Left Rear	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	2nd Right Rear	Infants	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	3rd Left Rear	Three Year Olds	2	22	C	34	C	NA	NA	Outside,Centers
Main	Front Left	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	30	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Front Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 93						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Back Right Playground	126	C
Main	PG- Front Playground	105	C
Main	PG- Infant Playground	10	C
Main	PG- Left Playground	84	C

## Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an Incident Investigation and Monitoring Visit.

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.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

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 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Michelle Williams, Program Official

Date

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Melyn Smith, Consultant

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.03(2) - The Consultant discussed with the Director and Assistant Director to please ensure staff were following the current lesson plans and schedules.

**Correction Deadline: 1/17/2023**

**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.

**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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<b>591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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<b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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<b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute and remove the small patches of grass in the resilient surface observed on this date.

<b>Food Service</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.15 Food Service &amp; Nutrition</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Correction Deadline: 11/16/2022**

**Corrected on 1/17/2023**

.15(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Center had a signed written feeding plan for each enrolled child less than one-year of age on this date.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies &amp; Procedures</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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<b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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<b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**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.

**Correction Deadline: 11/10/2022**

**Corrected on 1/17/2023**

.36(7)(c)3. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the driver or other designated person documented in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departed from the Center, was loaded or unloaded at each school, and when the vehicle returned to the Center on this date.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b>	<b>Technical Assistance</b>
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**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - The Consultant discussed with the Director and Assistant Director to please ensure mats with tears were replaced prior to naptime on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 1/17/2023**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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<b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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<b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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<b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation Visit:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.03 Activities****Technical Assistance**

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2022

Corrected on 1/17/2023

.03(9) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that center staff were observed to not allow children or other adults to engage in activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being. Staff were observed to pick up children in an appropriate way to not cause injury.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2022

Corrected on 1/17/2023

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that staff were observed to provide direct supervision and watchful oversight on this date.