



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/25/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-46283**

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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.  <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.
07/25/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/21/2023	TA Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/31/2023	TA Follow Up	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	A-Front	One Year Olds	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	B-Front	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C - Middle		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	
Main	D- Back	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			53			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 57				
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 57				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Front	27	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit. This visit was completed as part of the Child Care Services Quality Assurance Initiative.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/25/2023

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!**

Jodi Shoemake , Program Official

Date

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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-.03 Activities**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.03(9) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure staff were not permitting children to engage in activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being, as a child was observed to be engaging in rough play while on top of a plastic riding car in the Small Playground on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/25/2023**

**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.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

**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 the following potential hazards were observed in Room D-Back on this date:

- Two plastic bags were observed in and on top of children's cubbies and one plastic bag was observed on top of a table accessible to children on this date.
- A staff purse containing two bottles of prescription medication was observed hanging and accessible to children in the block area.
- A pair of adult scissors, a box of gloves, and a container of diapering wipes were observed accessible to children on top of the green lockers beside the bathroom.
- A container of diapering wipes was observed accessible to children in the bathroom on this date.

**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: 7/25/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure the ventilation/exhaust fans were free of dust above the diaper changing surfaces and in the bathrooms on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/25/2023**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(14) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure that all lights were operable, as one set of lights in the bathroom in Room D-Back was observed to be inoperable on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/24/2023**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure that the climbing and swinging equipment has a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment on the Large Playground before the playground is reopened. Also, please ensure all grass and weeds are removed from the resilient surface.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2023**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Not Met**

**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 bottles for one enrolled child in Room A-Front were observed to contain cereal mixed in without a physician's note on this date.

**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: 7/25/2023**

## 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)

Technical Assistance

#### Comment

Proper hand washing stated by staff throughout the center.

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(6) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure that trash and garbage were removed from the building as often as necessary to maintain the premises in a clean condition, as a bag of trash was observed on the floor beside the trash can in Room D-Back on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/25/2023**

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

Not Met

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined, based on observation, that two prescription bottles of medication were observed accessible to children in a low hanging staff purse in Room D-Back on this date.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

**Correction Deadline: 7/25/2023**

## Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

### 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) requires that each vehicle contains current information including: the full names of all children to be transported, each child's pick-up location, pick-up time, delivery location, alternate delivery location if a Parent is not at home and name of person authorized to receive each child. In addition, the vehicle shall contain current information identifying the Center's name, telephone number and the name of the driver of the vehicle. It was determined, based on review of records, that the transportation checklists for the weeks of May 8, 2023, and May 15, 2023, were lacking the vehicle tag numbers, center's phone number, and/or the staff present on the vehicle on this date.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Center's information and the children's information is included on each vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 8/1/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined, based on review of records, that the center failed to document the loading and unloading of the vehicle with a mark/symbol to account for each child listed or notate using a different mark/symbol that a child was not present for the following routine transportation routes:

- The load and unload was not documented for the one child being transported from Peachcrest Elementary to the center one date during the week of May 8, 2023, and two dates during the week of May 15, 2023.
- The load and unload was not documented for the one child being transported from Indian Creek Elementary to the center one date during the week of May 15, 2023.
- The load and unload was not documented for one of three children being transported from Allgood Elementary to the center on two dates during the week of May 15, 2023.
- The load and unload was not documented for two of two children being transported from Rowland Elementary to the center on two dates during the week of May 15, 2023.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 8/1/2023**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure that the crib sheets were the right size and not too tight-fitting, causing the mattresses to bow on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 7/25/2023**

**Staff Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/22/2023**

**Corrected on 7/25/2023**

**.33(5) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all staff have documentation of annual training for 2023 on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**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 on observation, that 2 two-year-old children were observed housed with older children in Room D-Back, when it was required for children under three-years-old to be housed in separate physical areas from older children..

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/25/2023**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.