



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 5/2/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 1:00 PM    **Departure:** 3:20 PM

**CCLC-1188**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/28/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/24/2022	Monitoring Visit	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	A 1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	B 2nd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C 3rd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D 4th Left		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	E 5th Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F 3rd Right	GA PreK	1	17	C	32	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G 2nd Right	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H First Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 130					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 130			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A playground infants-preschool	61	C
Main	B playground preschool-school age	44	C

**Comments**

Monitoring visit completed on May 2, 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.decals.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.

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#### 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.

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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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decals.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Tammie Allen, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/28/2022**

**Corrected on 5/2/2023**

**.12(1) - Correction observed on this day. Straps were being used in classroom A and B.**

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 11/28/2022**

**Corrected on 5/2/2023**

**.08(1)(b) - Correction observed on this date. Emergency medical authorization were present in children's files.**

**Facility**

**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)** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/28/2022**

**Corrected on 5/2/2023**

**.25(11) - Correction observed on this date. Flooring was tight and smooth.**

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

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Correction Deadline: 12/8/2022**

**Corrected on 5/2/2023**

**.26(6) - Correction observed on this date. The red metal car had been repainted and the broken tricycles had been removed.**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/28/2022**

**Corrected on 5/2/2023**

**.15(2) - Correction observed on this date. Infant feeding plans had been updated.**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that on classroom A there was one child with a pacifier clipped to their clothing.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023**

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant’s back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant’s back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer’s guidelines and will not slide up around the infant’s face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation there was one infant in classroom A asleep with a blanket in the crib.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that in classroom A there were two children asleep in swings and one child asleep in a bouncy seat.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

**Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023**

**Staff Records**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 4 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2022

Corrected on 5/2/2023

.14(2) - Correction observed on this date. Current staff had CPR and First Aid training as required.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<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**

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