



**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:** 11/21/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 3:45 PM

**Departure:** 5:40 PM

**CCLC-25115**

**Childcare Network #175**

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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.
11/21/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/05/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/03/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

  

<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.

**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	Back Left A	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Back Left B	One Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Back Right	Six Year Olds and Over	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Front Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Front Middle		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Front Right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 31			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Right	78	C
Main	Front Right	28	C
Main	Left	34	C

**Comments**

November 21, 2022--A Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/21/2022

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



### 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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical 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 [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)

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Lynne Tyson-Price, Program Official

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Date

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Penny Svenson, Consultant

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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: 4/18/2022**

**Corrected on 11/21/2022**

**The correction was observed on this date.**

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**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.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

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The Consultant discussed with the Director to continue to monitor for possible physical plant items and repair or replace as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 11/21/2022**

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

**Not Met**

**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 on observation that there were exposed roots on the far side of the large piece of playground equipment on the Back Right Playground and a tripping hazard was posed. Further, there was newly poured concrete with sharp edges. Also, on the Left Playground there was exposed concrete along the pavilion and the sidewalk adjacent to the concrete along the pavilion with a five inch drop off from the sidewalk to the ground.

**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. The roots will be painted with a bright spray paint to make them visible to children and staff. A rubberized surface or outdoor carpet will be placed on the newly poured concrete, or other repair deemed by the Maintenance Manager. The five inch drop off will be corrected and exposed concrete covered.

**Correction Deadline: 11/30/2022**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Correction Deadline: 4/5/2022**

**Corrected on 11/21/2022**

The diapering requirements were discussed with the new lead teacher in the infant classroom.

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

**Correction Deadline: 4/5/2022**

**Corrected on 11/21/2022**

Hand washing was observed on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 4/5/2022**

**Corrected on 11/21/2022**

Hand washing was observed on this date.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 14**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2021

**Records Reviewed: 14**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/03/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/15/2015	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2021	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2014	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2012	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 11/11/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2022	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 09/16/2020	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 07/13/2020	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 10/22/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.