



**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:** 4/19/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:55 AM    **Departure:** 2:15 PM

**CCLC-1020**

**Fort Daniel Children's Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
04/19/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/28/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/29/2022	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	1L	Infants	2	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap
Main	1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	TV,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	2L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap
Main	2R	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	3L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Outside
Main	3R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4L	GA PreK	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4R	GA PreK	3	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	Center		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	Dining	GA PreK	2	21	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 115

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A Left side	34	C
Main	PG Right Side	88	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on July 28, 2022.

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

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LaNita Ricks, Program Official

Date

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Lynn Schnitzer, Consultant

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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: 7/28/2022**

**Corrected on 4/19/2023**

**.12(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed equipment and furniture to be clean and free from hazardous conditions.**

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

**Not Evaluated**

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2022**

**Corrected on 4/19/2023**

**.25(11) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the flooring to be tight and smooth.**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children, such as, but not limited to:

- adult office supplies, such as white out, scissors, permanent markers
- cleaning tools, such as mops, brooms, plungers
- hygiene supplies, such as wipes, hand sanitizer
- tripping or entanglement hazards such as loose cords

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2023**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with the director to fluff and redistribute mulch.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2023**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/2/2022**

**Corrected on 4/19/2023**

**.21(p) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed center to have written plan for emergencies on site.**

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that parents completely fill out emergency medical records prior to transporting children.

**Correction Deadline: 4/20/2023**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Comment**

Staff stated knowledge of safe sleep practices.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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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.

**Comment**

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit July 28, 2023.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/27/2022****Corrected on 4/19/2023****.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed all staff hired more than ninety days to have certification in first aid and CPR>**

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Correction Deadline: 7/28/2022****Corrected on 4/19/2023****.31(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed lead staff to have written verification of a lead teacher credential or degree.**

<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.