



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 5/31/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:25 AM    **Departure:** 3:05 PM

**CCLC-51678**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/31/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/08/2021	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 Building #96	C 16-24 Months	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building #96	Rm. A- Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main Building #96	Rm. B- 2's Potty Trained	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	5	NC	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main Building #96	Rm. D- 12mth-35mth	One Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:						69	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			69	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building #96	Playground	58	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on June 16, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/14/2023

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!**

Donna Jordan, Program Official

Date

Lynn Schnitzer, Region 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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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 met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation that there were thorny plants growing through the fence at the back of the playground..

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Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the covers for the lights were missing in classrooms B and C and in the kitchen.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/9/2023**

**Recited on 5/31/2023**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure monitor the playground area for hazards.

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.15 - Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

**Correction Deadline: 12/8/2021**

**Corrected on 5/31/2023**

**.15(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed completed feeding plans for children under one year of age. Consultant discussed with the director to update feeding plans every three months or more often as needed.**

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**Health and Hygiene**

**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 three children had pacifier clips attached to their clothes in classroom D.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing pad was torn with exposed foam in classroom B.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper hand washing procedures.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on review of records that the written authorization for medication did not include the name, prescription number, time, or dosage of medication to be administered on May 2, 2023, and the center dispensed the medication on May 3, 2023. and May 4, 2023. It was further determined that an emergency action plan for a child with asthma was not signed by the parent.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023**

**Safety**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.11 - Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**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 that an infant was asleep in a crib with a blanket. in room A.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023**

**Recited on 5/31/2023**

**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 an infant was asleep in a bouncy seat and another infant was asleep in a swing in classroom A.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023**

**Staff Records**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided seven files for employees hired since last visit June 16, 2022.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/9/2023**

**Corrected on 5/31/2023**

**.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation that 100% of staff hired more than 90 days to have current certification in first aid/CPR.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that there was a ratio of 1:11 (8 two-year-old children and 3 three-year-old children) in classroom B. A ratio of 2:11 was required.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.