



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/2/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:45 PM

**CCLC-17661**

**Meadowdale Learning Center - Houston Lake Road**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/03/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
01/06/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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 Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	16	C	33	C	46	C	Story
Main	B Pre-K 1	GA PreK	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C (3 Year Olds)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D (3 Year Olds)	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	E (2 Year Olds)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	F (1 Year Olds)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Free Play
Main	G (Infants)	Infants	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Floor Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134

Total # Children this Date: 71

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler Playground	17	C
Main	Large Playground	171	C

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit.

Transportation records and new staff files were available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the monitoring visit report was conducted with the director on this date. A signed copy of the monitoring report was emailed to the director on this date.

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.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.

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

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Rhonda Overton, Program Official

Date

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Charlene Story, 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-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023**

**Corrected on 3/2/2023**

**.03(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The structure was removed that child was injured on and staff were counseled on supervising the children and the activities they are participating in.**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure there are no hazards on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures was observed in Classroom G-Infants.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands after using the bathroom in Classrooms A, C and D.

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**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. Consultant observed discussion and redirection in Classrooms C,E and F.

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

Not Met

**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 transportation records, that during the week of February 27 through March 3, 2023, on Wednesday March 1, during the morning route from the facility to Langston Elementary School eight (8) out of eight (8) children were missing a mark for unloading at the school. In addition, on the same date, during the morning route from the facility to Matt Arthur Elementary School, seven (7) out of eight (8) children were missing a mark for unloading at the school.

**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: 3/3/2023

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.  
Discussed washing and disinfecting of mats.

## Staff Records

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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.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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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.