

# 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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Arrival: 10:45 AM **Date:** 3/23/2023 VisitType: Licensing Study **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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**Quality Rated: No** 

<u>Com</u>	pliance Zone Desig	<u>gnation</u>	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	d
03/23/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	standing, support, and deficient.	
08/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.	
06/06/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.	
			<ul> <li>Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> </ul>	j

#### **Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.		25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	L1 (a1)	One Year Olds	1	7	С	11	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	L2 (a2)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	С	20	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	L3 (b1)	Two Year Olds	3	19	С	20	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	L4 (b2)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	С	20	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	L5 (e)	Three Year Olds	2	17	С	21	С	29	С	Free Play
Main	R1(d2)	Infants	2	10	С	11	С	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play
Main	R2 (d1)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	С	15	С	NA	NA	Field Trip,Nap
Main	R3( c1)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	С	21	С	29	С	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:	139		Total C	Capacity @	25 sq.			

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Total Capacity @25 sq. Total # Children this Date: 109 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139 ft.: 155

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left back	55	С
Main	Left front	37	С
Main	Right back	75	С
Main	Right front	13	С

#### Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/23/2023

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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 <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> 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 <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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# (Findings Report)

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# The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

# **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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility |

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Not Met

#### Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust vents in the bathrooms were not operating as they were not pulling the air in.

# **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2023

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

Met

#### Comment

Licensed capacity for the program is 179. The visit report shows capacity of 139 and appears that two rooms (back right) are missing in the system. The provider will submit an Amendment in Decal Koala requesting that the rooms are added.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

# **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure that the exhaust vents in the ceiling are free of dust.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

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

Defer

# Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

#### Defe

591-1-1-.26(8)-Previous citation was deferred on this date as consultant observed that mulch was added to the fall zones of the five feet high slides and the tire and regular swings, but it needed to be re-fluffed and redistributed to ensure that there are at least six inches in the fall zones of the equipment. Consultant discussed fall zones requirements with the Director on this date.

# **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022

**Food Service** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

# **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure that the updated Infant Feeding Plan forms are used or incorporated into the program's forms.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

# 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

**Technical Assistance** 

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591-1-1-.18(3) - Please ensure that the exhaust vent in the kitchen is working as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2023

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(5) - Please ensure that the temperature in the fridge in the Infant room is not over 40 degrees.

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**Health and Hygiene** 

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

**Not Met** 

#### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that the exhausts in room L1 and R1 were not working as required as they were not pulling the air in.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

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

Met

### Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Organization** 

# 591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.16(f) - Licensed capacity for the program is 179. The visit report shows capacity of 139 and appears that two rooms (back right) are missing in the system. The provider will submit an Amendment in Decal Koala requesting that the rooms are added.

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# **Policies and Procedures**

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

Met

# Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

# 591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

# Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

#### Comment

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

# 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

## Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

#### Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure that the minor tears in the seats are covered and the foam is not exposed.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### 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.

### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(2) - Please ensure that Infants that need to wear helmets in the classroom, have written pediatrician statement on file.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023

Staff Records

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

**Technical Assistance** 

# Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

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

# **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1)(I)2. - Please ensure the date of employment is on or after the background check clearance letter.

# Comment

Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.

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

Met

## Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

# 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

**Not Met** 

# **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33 - Please watch for expiration dates on the Transportation Training. It is valid for two (2) years.

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of records that there was no evidence of Health and Safety training for four staff.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2023

#### Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

# **Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of records that there was no evidence of 10 hours annual training for 2022 for three staff.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

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

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#### Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months. A written Professional Learning Plan needs to be developed

#### 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)

Met

#### Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

# Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

# Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.