

# 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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Quality Rated:



Compliance Zone Designation				
02/14/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
08/29/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
03/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	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

Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
A - Left		0	0	С	7	С	NA	NA	
B - Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	С	5	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
C-Middle		0	0	С	10	С	NA	NA	
D-Left		0	0	С	3	С	NA	NA	
E-Right		0	0	С	2	С	NA	NA	
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Total # Children this Date: 10

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ft.: 0

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Building	Playground	Occupancy	Compliance	
Main	Main	12	С	

### **Comments**

The purpose olf the visit is to conduct a monitoring visit.

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, <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://qbi.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!

Margaret Works, Program Official	Date	Kenyatta Wade, Consultant	Date
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# The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

# **Activities and Equipment**

591-1-1-.03 Activities Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(14) - Consultant discussed with director ensuring that media, music and activities are age appropriate.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility** 

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

**Not Met** 

# Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on consultant's observation that Upon arrival the center had (5) two-year-olds, (4) three-years-olds and (1) four year-old housed in a classroom that is licensed for five children at all times.

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# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023

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

**Technical Assistance** 

## **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - Discussed with director keeping hazards inaccessible.

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

**Not Met** 

## Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on consultants observation that a 3.5 inch gap was located on the back left side of the fencing on the outdoor playground.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use. The director will have a new barrier in place as well as adding cones to define the waling route leading to playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on consultants that children were observed to arrive and not wash their hands immediately in the first right classroom. Also, during morning classroom transition staff were observed not wash children's hands as they changed classrooms.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023

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

**Not Met** 

## Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

### **Finding**

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on consultants observation that a bottle of Tylenol was on a teachers' desk, accessible to children in care on this date.

## **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

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Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023

# Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

## Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

# **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

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

Met

## Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

# 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

## **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 consultant's observation that staff member #3 did not complete health and safety orientation training as required.

# 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.

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Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Recited on 2/14/2023

# **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 documentation reviewed that staff number # 3 did not complete the required annual ten (10) clock hours of training for 2021.

# **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.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

## Recited on 2/14/2023

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

## Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

# Staffing and Supervision

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

**Not Met** 

# **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32 - Upon arrival the center had (5) two-year-olds, (4) three-years-olds and (1) four year-old pass the first hour of operation.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on consultants observation that upon arrival the first left classroom had (5) two-year-olds, (4) three-years-olds and (1) four year-old housed together with two staff.

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## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

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

Met

# Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.