



**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:** 4/26/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:45 AM    **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-1893**

**Pinecrest Child Care Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.
04/26/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/24/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B	One Year Olds	2	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Bldg 2		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Bldg 2 Front		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	20	C	Outside
Main	D	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	14	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F		0	0	C	18	C	25	C	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140

Total # Children this Date: 47

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	0	C
Main	B	73	C

## Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/26/2023

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.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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Beth Pollock, Program Official

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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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider to add a variety of toys to classroom B.

**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**

**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 boys and girls bathroom did not have a functioning exhaust fan for ventilation.

**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: 5/26/2023**

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that classroom C had Equate hand sanitizer on top of the cubby in reach of children. Classroom F had on top of a shelf in reach of children:

- Three Clorox bottles
- Lysol spray
- Microban spray

Classroom F had three yard signs with medal legs sitting against the left wall that pose a hazard to the children and a red broom and red dust pan leaning against left wall towards the back of the room.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2023**

**Recited on 4/26/2023**

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

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider to remove the trampoline from playground C.

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(7) requires that climbing and swinging equipment be anchored. It was determined based on observation that on playground C there was a red medal helicopter that is not anchored to the ground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove or repair equipment that is not anchored and will regularly inspect the equipment to ensure it remains anchored.

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider to rake mulch around the fall zone of green slide in order to have a resilient surface beneath.

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that playground C had a wooden box on on the left side of playground near the exterior wall of the building with chipped wood and another wooden box on the right side of playground near the exterior wall of the building with chipped wood that poses a hazard to children. Also, on playground C there was a broom and dust pan near the back door.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2023

**Food Service**

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

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s).

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider to remove the diaper changing surface in classroom D, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2023

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider to remove the diapering pad from Classroom D and replace it with the diapering station in Classroom F.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2023

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.

**Organization**

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider to submit an admendment for building two to make it into one classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the tornado and lockdown drills were not conducted for year 2022 and 2023.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

**Correction Deadline: 5/1/2023**

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

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

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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<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.

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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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<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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.