



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 12/6/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-1204**

**Home '2' Childcare and Development 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
12/06/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/16/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Bld one	Bld 1-1st L (PreK)	GA PreK	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bld one	Bld 1-1st R	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bld one	Bld 1-2nd R	Infants	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bld one	Bld one-2nd L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request			
Total # Children this Date: 24			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld one	Playground 1	51	C
Bld one	Playground 3-toddler	20	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 3, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 6, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.decal.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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

Beverly Vickers, Program Official

Date

Kelly Wilson, Consultant

Date



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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 the requirement that equipment and furniture be secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. The plastic shelf in the infant room had become unfastened from the wall during flooring replacement and the consultant asked that the director reattach the shelf to the wall. The Director removed the shelf from the room.

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2021**

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

#### 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)

Met

#### Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grass on the playground appeared to be well maintained. The consultant discussed daily monitoring of the playground and playground equipment to ensure that hazards are not present while children are present for care.

## Food Service

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

Met

#### Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

### 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)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Procedures and sanitation regarding proper diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Hand washing supplies were observed, and hand washing practices were discussed with the Director on this date.

### 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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Not Met

#### Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

#### Comment

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

#### Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that on a bus with tag number HOME 2 there was a tear on the seat of the first seat on the right that had exposed foam presenting a hazard to children in care.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards. The director stated that the seat would be repaired with duct tape.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2021

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2021

Corrected on 12/6/2021

.30(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected. Infants in care were observed to have no bibs or other items attached to them while asleep in a crib.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2009	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/30/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/02/2014	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/06/2012	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/1997	

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Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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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-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**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 a review of records that staff #2, hired on December 20, 2020, had not completed the required Health and Safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment.

**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: 1/5/2022****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 a review of records that staff # 4 had completed zero (0) of the ten (10) annual clock hours of training for the calendar year 2020.

**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: 1/5/2022**

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<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.