



**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:** 7/20/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:50 AM    **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-48547**

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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.
07/20/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/14/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/24/2022	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
Main	Classroom 1 - 1R	Infants	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	Classroom 2 - 2R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Classroom 3 - 4L	One Year Olds	2	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Classroom 4 - 3L Rear	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Classroom 5 - 2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Classroom 6 - 1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:					87	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 52			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			87	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - Preschool - School - Age	27	C
Main	Playground B - Infant - Toddler	5	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

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.al.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 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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**N/A**

**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**

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Discussed with staff and Director to monitor and ensure all electrical cords are secured flush to the wall or behind furniture without any looped cords present.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed with Director to ensure the hose is stored outside of the playground area when not in use to prevent a tripping hazard from becoming present.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**

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<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(6)(b) - Discussed with Director/Staff to ensure all water bottles and children's cups are labeled with the child's name.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(2) - Discussed with Director/Staff to ensure children's hands are washed with soap and water after diapering if they are old enough to hold up their head.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(5) - Consultant discussed with Director and staff to ensure staff do not walk away when children are on a changing table and remain arms length with their hand on the child if they need to move to pick up materials or otherwise.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11(2) - Discussed with Director/ Staff to ensure time out is not used as discipline for children under the age of three-years-old.

**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023**

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**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.

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**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. Consultant observed evidence of all staff to have satisfactory comprehensive background checks on this date.

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Lead staff requirements were met.

<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.