



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

**Date:** 5/4/2021    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 2:25 PM    **Departure:** 3:25 PM

**CCLC-2008**

**Arthur M. Blank Family Youth YMCA**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/04/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/30/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/13/2020	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**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - A-19		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - A-27		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - A-29		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - A-43		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - B-50		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - Cafeteria		0	0	C	170	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Elementary School Building	Ground Level-B-45		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 277			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	Downstairs - Creative Cavern	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	53	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	Downstairs - Hanging Rock Room		0	0	C	46	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Downstairs - Lounge		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Downstairs G-02 Computer Lab	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	Downstairs G-07-Gym		0	0	C	89	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Downstairs G-13-STEAM Lab		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Foxes - 2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Foxes-107	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	18	C	35	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Snack
Main	Lions-114	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	4	23	C	47	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,NaP
Main	Wolves-112	GA PreK	2	7	C	47	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 364			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 73		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 641			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Elementary School Building	Playground Field	395	C
Main	Center Playground	24	C

**Comments**

An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on April 30, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/04/2021

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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)

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Stacey Nicholson, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the program was observed compliant with the licensed capacity.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there were no hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the outdoor playground areas were observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

591-1-1-.10 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through diapering was not directly observed, however, staff stated proper knowledge of the rules and diapering areas were observed to be compliant.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through proper medication documentation and procedures were discussed with the Director.

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**Safety**

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

591-1-1-.11 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through discipline was not directly observed, however, the Director displayed proper knowledge of the rules.

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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**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through a pleasant naptime environment observed. SIDS and infant sleep position was discussed with the Director this date.

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**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 24****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/1994	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/31/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/25/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2020	

Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/11/2016	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 04/26/2021	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/24/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/21/2020	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 06/01/2018	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/27/2018	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 03/15/2021	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 07/24/2019	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 07/21/2017	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 01/14/2019	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/20/2018	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	Met
Staff # 22	Met

Staff # 23 Met  
Date of Hire: 01/28/2021

Staff # 24 Met  
Date of Hire: 06/15/2020

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/13/2020**

**Corrected on 5/4/2021**

**.09(1)(c) - Previous cite corrected. Staff Criminal Background Check information was reviewed in Koala Outback.**

**Correction Deadline: 8/13/2020**

**Corrected on 5/4/2021**

**.09(1)(l)3. - Previous cite corrected.**

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

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on April 30, 2021.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed on this date.