



**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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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 8/18/2022    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-50808**

**Rockmart Early Childhood Development Center**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
Date	Visit Type	Designation	
08/18/2022	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	<p><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p> <p><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</p> <p><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p>

**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	1L-Three Year old	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story	
Main	1R-GA Pre-K	PreK	2	17	C	35	C	NA	NA	Snack	
Main	2L-Three Year & Four Year Olds	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	36	C	NA	NA	Snack	
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 36			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 92			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground	143	C
Main	Toddler Playground	32	C

**Comments**

This file was one of two assigned by unit Manager for a visit only. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on June 18, 2022. The exit conference was conducted virtually on August 25, 2022 at 4:00 pm with the Director. Permission to Operate/Temporary License will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the consultant. Facility does carry Liability Insurance. License Capacity is 92.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/18/2022

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 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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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)

Donna Sanders, Program Official

Date

Toni Williams, Consultant

Date



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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 92 children.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that the fence on the larger playground above the basketball goal had grass humps and bushes in the fence as well as the fence closest to the wood house had honeysuckle entwined in the fence and need to be removed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The harmful item will be removed.

**Correction Deadline: 10/1/2022**

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**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 upon the Consultant's observation that the fence on the toddler playground that houses the air conditioner is rusted and needs repair. Also the fence on the right side closest to the parking lot had rust and was detached at the bottom. as well as the fence to the right of the basketball goal needs repairing.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 9/24/2022****Comment**

The Consultant spoke to the Provider about removing the basketball goal or replacing it with one more size appropriate for the age group. The Consultant also advised the Provider to put something on the pole to cushion it if the basketball goal will remain on the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 10/1/2022****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 the Consultant's observation that there were roots behind the large play structure that could cause a tripping hazard. Also there were large and small rocks on the ground behind the large play structure that could cause a hazard.

**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: 10/1/2022**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours. Consultant discussed the American Disability Act guidelines and alternate methods used for diapering.

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

Proper handwashing of children and staff was discussed with the Director during the inspection visit.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Comment**

Center does not plan to serve infants and no cribs were evaluated on this date. The correct number of cots/mats, sheets, and cover were observed on this date.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 12**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2022	
	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2022	
	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2022	
	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2022	
	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	
	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	
	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/13/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2002	

**Records Reviewed: 12**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2021	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

**Comment**

Twelve (12) of twelve (12) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

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