



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/31/2021    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:45 AM

**CCLC-22542**

**Jacob's Ladder Educational Childcare Center #2**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/31/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/22/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/15/2019	Licensing Study	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
Main	A	One Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	12	C	Free Play
Main	E	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	15	C	21	C	Free Play
Main	F	Infants	2	4	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Floor Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 59

Total # Children this Date: 44

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 59

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground back	68	C
Main	Playground Left side	17	C
Main	Playground right side	17	C
Main	Small Playground in back	22	C

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on March 31, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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



**Important New Deadlines:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Joeann Osborne, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

**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 met by center on this date.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

### Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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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**

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.

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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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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**Records Reviewed: 11**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/2021 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2007

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/10/2020

Staff # 5 Met

**Records Reviewed: 11**

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

Date of Hire: 01/18/2016

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 03/10/2014

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 11/09/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2007

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 04/23/2018

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 02/19/2021

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2020

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. 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 February 15, 2021.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios. A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date. A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.