



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 2/28/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:45 AM    **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-37229**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/28/2023	Monitoring Visit	Deficient
10/24/2022	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
08/03/2022	Licensing Study	Support

**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(dramatic play)		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA		
Main	B(Library)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	0	8	NC	10	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	C(Game)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	D(arts)	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	6	NC	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	E(movie)		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			34			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0
Total # Children this Date: 24			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:					0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	24	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Monitoring Visit. The facility does not provide routine transportation, field trips, swimming activities, or administer medications.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/14/2023

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

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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Thewanna Austell, 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**

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

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

One or more parameters were not specified for the subreport, 'Subreport5', located at:  
[myKoalaPDECreationConsole.Reports.RDLC.ChildMissingRequirements.rdlc](#)

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that the following information was missing from the child records reviewed:

-Two out of two child records reviewed were missing whether the child had any known allergies, disabilities, or special accommodations.

-Two out of two child records reviewed were missing the child's physician information including the name and phone number.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023**

**Recited on 2/28/2023**

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

**Comment**  
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**  
591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that when the consultant arrived, there were eight two-year-old children present in classroom D which has a maximum licensed capacity of 6 children.

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**Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023**

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

**Technical Assistance**  
Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Please ensure all hand sanitizer is stored inaccessible to children.

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

**Comment**  
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service**

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**  
Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**  
Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**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.

**Staff Records**

One or more parameters were not specified for the subreport, 'StaffMissingRequirements', located at: mvKualaPDFCreationConsole Reports RDI C: StaffMissingRequirements.rdlc

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

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since the last visit.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Defer**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)-This citation will be evaluated at the next Licensing Study.

**Correction Deadline: 1/1/2023**

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on a review of records that staff member # 1, the program director, had an education credential that was expired and did not possess at least one of the academic requirements as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023**

**Recited on 2/28/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #2, staff member #4, and staff member #7 did not possess one of the qualifying credentials as required.

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<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)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that when the consultant arrived, eight three and four-year-old children were observed asleep in classroom B with no staff member present. A staff member entered the classroom shortly after the consultant arrived.

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**Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023**