



**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:** 3/15/2023    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:50 AM    **Departure:** 11:55 AM

**CCLC-52745**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/30/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/20/2022	Complaint Closure	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	Infants and One Year Olds	2	16	NC	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Floor Play, Free Play
Main	B	One Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Floor or Play
Main	C	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	29	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F (playroom)	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	45	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 90			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (right)	26	C
Main	B (back)	18	C

**Comments**

The purpose of the visit was to complete a monitoring visit on site on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/15/2023

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.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.

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#### 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.

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

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Jenny-Lynn Cool, Program Official

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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)**

**Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12 - Discussed adding additional materials in the classrooms and ensuring that children have access to them throughout the day.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the television in room C was not secured when it was easily moved on the shelf where it had been placed. Additionally, a five gallon water container was observed on a shelf within reach of children in room C. The spout was observed hanging over the shelf where children could pull it down.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023**

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022**

**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

**.08(1) - Based on a review of previously missing items, this has been corrected.**

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022**

**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

**.08(1)(b) - Based on a review of previously missing items on children's records, this has been corrected.**

<b>Facility</b>
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**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) Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(12) - Ensure that children do not have access to heating and cooling equipment in the classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following was observed accessible to children in the center:

Room C- diaper cream was observed in the left bathroom on a shelf

Room D- the closet door was unlocked and housed a cleaner

Room E- staff bag, lotion, diaper cream near the bathroom and a mop and mop bucket with water

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - The swings were removed on this date because they were broken. Discussed the fall zones of the swing set as it is currently placed. Ensure adequate fall zone is available.

**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 a review of observations thorny vines and eye level branches were observed on playground A coming through the right side fence. Additionally, on playground B, the circuit breaker box on the back of the building was open and the metal covering was loose allowing access behind the panel.

**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: 3/15/2023**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/20/2022**

**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

**.07(2) - Based on a review of three medication forms, this citation was corrected.**

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022**

**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

**.17(7) - Children in classroom E were observed to wash hands after returning from outside.**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.20 - Discussed potential changes to medication policy and developing different systems for medication dispensing.

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022**

**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

**.20(3) - Based on a review of three medication forms observed, medication documentation was observed complete.**

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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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)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Ensure sheets in the infant room are secure and tight fitting. Additionally, ensure that children are placed in their cribs as soon as they fall asleep.

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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 for new staff since the last visit.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2022**

**Corrected on 3/15/2023**

**.14(2) - The staff missing CPR and First Aid has completed the training. This citation was corrected.**

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.31(2)(b)2. - The staff that was missing a credential is no longer with the program.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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Correction Deadline: 8/30/2022

Corrected on 3/15/2023

.32(1) - This rule violation was corrected.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observations that upon arrival to classroom A, a ratio of 2:16 was observed. There were nine (9) infants in the classroom and seven (7) one-year-olds in the room. A ratio of 1:6 would have been required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2023

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32 - Discussed supervision when children are using one side of the room that is blocked with gate and furniture. Ensure staff are actively supervising and able to respond quickly.