



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

**Date:** 7/26/2022    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-57130**

**Bloom Learning Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
07/26/2022	Initial 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 Building	A - 1st Left - Infants		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	B - 2nd Left 1Yr		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	C - 3rd Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Cafe		0	0	C	39	C	55	C	
Main Building	E - 1st Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	F- 2nd Right		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	G - 3rd Right Preschool		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	
Main Building	H - 4th Right Preschool		0	0	C	27	C	37	C	
Main Building	I - 5th Right School Age		0	0	C	37	C	51	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 230					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 280					
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 230			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 280				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	A - Infant Toddler	19	C
Main Building	B - School Age	90	C

**Comments**

An ILS visit was conducted. PTO was granted.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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



### 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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.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.dec.al.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.'





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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**

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**

**Records Reviewed: 1**

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

Child # 1

Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Director the importance of ensuring that all the information on the enrollment packet be filled out by parents. Consultant also discussed with the Director ensuring that parental agreements/authorizations be filled out and kept on file.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Permission to Operate was granted on this date. The overall license capacity is 230 children.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Consultant discussed with the Director ensuring that Playground Maintenance Checks are completed daily to ensure that the playground is free from hazards such as ant beds, wasp nests, and spider webs.

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements:

- 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk.
- 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk.
- 2 of 5 Components for snack.

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Provider foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

**Comment**

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name, and that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Director on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**

**Met**

**Comment**

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements with the Director.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation. 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**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Consultant discussed with the Director ensuring that all crib mattresses are covered with a waterproof, washable material. Please repair any minor tears on the crib mattresses to ensure that that are waterproof.

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Eight (8) of 8 (8) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured on June 30, 2011.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2022	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met

**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Date of Hire: 07/26/2022

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

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Seven (7) of seven (7) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in the first aid kit.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

**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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the Director on this date.