



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/14/2023    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:15 AM    **Departure:** 3:30 PM

**CCLC-25013**

**Discovery Point #9**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<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.
02/14/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/14/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/04/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	

**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	1L	Infants and GA PreK	3	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play, Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Main	1R	Two Year Olds and GA PreK	3	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Diapering
Main	2L	One Year Olds and GA PreK	4	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Clean Up, Nap, Diapering, Lunch
Main	2R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and GA PreK	3	23	C	24	C	34	C	Music, Circle Time
Main	3L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and GA PreK	3	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	3R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and GA PreK	3	15	C	26	C	37	C	Circle Time
Main	4R	GA PreK	2	21	C	29	C	40	C	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Back Middle	Three Year Olds and GA PreK	2	9	C	36	C	50	C	Circle Time, Story
Main	Pre-K	Three Year Olds and GA PreK	2	9	C	45	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning, Story

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Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 236

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Total # Children this Date: 136 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 236

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Left Front	27	C
Main	B-Left Rear	97	C
Main	C-Right Side	88	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on July 18, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/14/2023

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.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 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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Henriett Hajdune, Program Official

Date

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Please monitor toys and equipment for normal wear and tear.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**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**

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

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the restroom ventilation located in the first front-right restroom located in classroom 2R and in the the first front-right restroom located in classroom Pre-K was not secured to the ceiling.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. The center will further ensure that the notated vents are repaired and monitored for normal wear and tear.

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023**

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

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazardous items:

- Biting and/or stinging insects.
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment and/or toys.
- Normal wear and tear of the playground equipment and toys.
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Loose and/or weak tree branches.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following playground equipment required further repairs:

- Playground C-Right Side - The yellow chain covers were peeling from the bucket swing creating a potential pinching hazard and peeling paint was observed throughout the red, green, and yellow sliding structure.
- Playground B-Left Rear - Peeling paint was observed throughout the red, yellow, and green sliding structure.
- Playground A-Left Front - Peeling paint was observed throughout the yellow, red, and blue sliding structure.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. The center will repair the yellow swing chain coverings and repaint the peeling paint along the sliding structures located on playground A-Left Front, playground B-Left Rear, and playground C-Right Side.

**Correction Deadline: 2/24/2023**

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**Food Service**

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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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**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have written parental authorization to administer "Albuterol Sulfate" in the event of an asthma episode. The consultant did not observe the center to administer medication during the visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily. The center will ensure to obtain parental signature on the medication authorization form to administer the "Albuterol Sulfate" in the event of an asthma episode.

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023**

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<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The consultant observed the following vehicles to have evidence of a current vehicle inspection report:

- Vehicle tag # PNF2319 - Expires September 14, 2023.
- Vehicle tag # DFX 909 - Expires February 21, 2023.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**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.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that the first front-left crib mattress was torn with exposed foam in classroom 1L.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2023**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The director provided 12 files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on July 18, 2022. The consultant observed 11 of 12 newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file. The consultant further observed one of 12 newly hired staff member to have evidence of a satisfactory national criminal record check letter on file and supervised by a staff member with a current comprehensive determination letter on file.

**Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022**

**Corrected on 2/14/2023**

**The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the previously cited staff member to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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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)** **Met**

**Comment**

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

**The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/3/2022**

**Corrected on 2/14/2023**

**The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the staff members to keep the children clean, dry and comfortable during the visit.**