



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Date:** 5/9/2023    **VisitType:** ILS Follow Up    **Arrival:** 10:05 AM    **Departure:** 12:10 PM

**CCLC-51234**

**Statesboro Head Start Center**

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Same

**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/09/2023	ILS Follow Up	Good Standing
03/16/2023	Initial Licensing Study	N/A

**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 (20)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	B (22)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C (24)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside, Art
Main	E (21)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside, Art, Transitioning
Main	F		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 127						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 64			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 127			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	153	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to follow up on previous citations and to issue permission to operate along with the renewable license. This facility does carry liability insurance.

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), 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 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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Ammie Hodges, Program Official

Date

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Kati Cosby, Consultant

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a ILS Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**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 routinely met by center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/23/2023**

**Corrected on 5/9/2023**

The previous citation was corrected in that all exposed bolts were cut down to two or less threads.

**Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023**

**Corrected on 5/9/2023**

The previous citation was corrected in that the hazardous equipment was removed from the outdoor play area.

**Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023**

Corrected on 5/9/2023

Previous citation was corrected in that all debris has been removed and the sides of the shed have been made inaccessible to children. All exposed concrete has been covered.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

**Comment**

No diapered children are enrolled at this facility.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 5/9/2023

The previous citation was corrected in that the teachers attended additional training on handwashing and were observed to wash hands as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Corrected on 5/9/2023

The previous citation was corrected in that all staff attended additional training on handwashing. Children and staff were observed to wash hands as required on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

## Safety

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

## 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.

## Staff Records

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 last visit

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.