



**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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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/13/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

**CCLC-52881**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09/13/2022                         | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 07/06/2022                         | Complaint Closure                          | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/29/2022                         | Complaint Investigation Follow Up          | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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**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                   | 2     | 9        | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Diapering, Floor Play               |
| Main                            | B    | Infants and One Year Olds | 2     | 9        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Floor Play, Diapering, Feeding |
| Main                            | C    | One Year Olds             | 1     | 8        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                                 |
| Main                            | D    | One Year Olds             | 1     | 8        | C                             | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                                 |
| Main                            | E    | Two Year Olds             | 2     | 14       | C                             | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                                 |
| Main                            | F    |                           | 0     | 0        | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                          |
| Main                            | G    | Three Year Olds           | 1     | 8        | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Nap                  |
| Main                            | H    | Four Year Olds            | 1     | 8        | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Nap                  |
| Main                            | I    |                           | 0     | 0        | C                             | 26         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use                          |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 159 |      |                           |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                     |
| Total # Children this Date: 64  |      |                           |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                                     |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A          | 58                   | C                     |
| Main     | B          | 23                   | C                     |

### Comments

An in-person visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/13/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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)

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Jessica Kenerly, 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)**

**N/A**

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 6/23/2022**

**Corrected on 9/13/2022**

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center fixed the previously cited items.

**591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed on Playgrounds. Adequate amounts of resilient surface was observed on this date.

#### 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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that there was no warm water available at the handwashing sinks in rooms D, G and H.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The director stated the Center has contacted a contractor to to fix the hot water issue in the classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022**

**Recited on 9/13/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member in room A , did not wash their hands after diapering an infant.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 9/13/2022**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Per the staff, the Center does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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

No inappropriate discipline observed during the visit.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Staff # 1                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 07/24/2022 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 2                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 08/15/2022 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 3                | Met                                                                                         |
| Staff # 4                | Met                                                                                         |
| Staff # 5                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 07/31/2022 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 6                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 04/25/2022 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 7                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 05/04/2022 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 8                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 12/15/2021 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 9                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 08/29/2022 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 10               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 08/25/2021 |                                                                                             |
| 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: 09/18/2020 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 13               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 07/27/2022 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 14               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 07/24/2022 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 15               | Met                                                                                         |

**Records Reviewed: 20**

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

Staff # 16 Met  
Date of Hire: 03/18/2022

Staff # 17 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/27/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met  
Date of Hire: 06/07/2022

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.