



**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:** 10/6/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-46662**

**Blue Ridge Preschool & Daycare**

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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.
10/06/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/15/2022	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
06/28/2022	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	

**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	LW-1L - Private Pre-K	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	21	C	30	C	Transitioning, Centers
Main	LW-1R - Pre-K 1	PreK	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story, Transitioning
Main	LW-2L - Early 4	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	23	C	32	C	Transitioning, Centers
Main	LW-2R - Pre-K 2	PreK	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	LW-3L - Afterschool		0	0	C	17	C	23	C	
Main	LW-3R - Pre-K 3	PreK	2	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	RW - 2L - Infant 2	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Floor Play, Nap
Main	RW - 3L - Private-Pre-K 4	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	RW-1L - Infant 1	Infants	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Nap
Main	RW-1R - Toddler 1	One Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Music, Transitioning

Main	RW-2R-Toddler 2	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	RW-3R-Toddler 2-1/2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap, Outside, Transitioning
Main	RW-4L - Preschool 3	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271      Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295

Total # Children this Date: 173      Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271      Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	6	C
Main	Preschool-School-Age Playground	251	C
Main	Right Back - Two-Year-Old	42	C
Main	Right Front - One-Year-Old	19	C

**Comments**

The facility participates in transportation, field trips, and medication.

Director provided twelve file(s) for employees hired since the last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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/Regulations.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.

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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)

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Angela Sims, Program Official

Date

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Kesha McNeal, Consultant

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.

**Comment**

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

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 6**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 3 Met

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined, based on review of records, that two of six children's files reviewed were lacking the complete addresses for release persons on this date. It was further determined that two of six children's files reviewed were lacking the phone number for the child's primary physician.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2022**

**Recited on 10/6/2022**

	<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.

**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)**

**Not Met**

**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 the consultant's observation that the following playground equipment hazards existed in that:

\* Right front playground

- There was two red little tikes cars missing the door to the cars.
- There was a green little tikes horse missing the handles causing an entrapment hazard.
- There was a brown little tikes horse missing the handles causing an entrapment hazard.

\*Right Back Playground

- There was a brown little tikes horse missing the handles causing an entrapment hazard.
- There was a green little tikes Aligator missing the handles causing an entrapment hazard.
- There was a pink tricycle missing the end caps on the handle bars of the triccycle causing a potential entrapment hazard.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2022**

**Food Service**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2) requires that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age shall be obtained from Parent(s) and that instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined, based on review of records, that seven of seventeen infant feeding plans reviewed were lacking instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given, the schedule for feeding solid foods, and notation of any type(s) of food allergies the child may have.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center Director will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis that will include center staff involved with enrollment and those working in the infant classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2022**

**Recited on 10/6/2022**

**Health and Hygiene**

**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(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 the consultant's observation that a staff member from the RW-2L- Infant 2 classroom was observed handling bodily fluids by wiping the children's nose and not washing their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022**

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

<b>Safety</b>
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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.

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2022****Corrected on 10/6/2022**

**.11(2) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date in that appropriate discipline methods were observed.**

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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)****Not Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

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

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined, based on review of records, that the following information was missing from the emergency medical information records:

- \* Three of eight were missing the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located.
- \* Five of eight were missing the child's allergies.
- \* Five of eight were missing special medical needs and conditions.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022**

**Recited on 10/6/2022**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) Not Met**

**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(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that an infant in RW-2L-Infant 2 was observed sleeping in the crib with a bib around their neck.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 10/6/2022**

**Staff Records**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/07/2022	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 11/10/2021	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/27/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 09/06/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 03/11/2022	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 10/21/2002	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/18/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 03/02/2022	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/13/2012	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 02/22/2022	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/08/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/24/2022	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 12/03/2009	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 04/21/2021	Met
Staff # 15	Met

**Records Reviewed: 39****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Date of Hire: 10/18/2021

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 08/22/2022

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

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2006

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 06/15/2021

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2022

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

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/2021

Staff # 21

Met

Date of Hire: 11/04/2019

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 07/28/2022

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

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 01/29/2019

Staff # 24

Met

Date of Hire: 06/07/2022

Staff # 25

Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2013

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 03/28/2018

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/1995

Staff # 28

Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2022

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

Staff # 29

Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2000

**Records Reviewed: 39**

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

Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 06/24/2021	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 01/14/2000	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 02/22/2022	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 09/09/2020	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 01/24/2022	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 07/25/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 08/01/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 09/20/2021	Met
Staff # 38 Date of Hire: 02/03/2004	Met
Staff # 39 Date of Hire: 09/15/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 16**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided twelve file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.