



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

**Date:** 8/15/2022    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 2:25 PM    **Departure:** 4:35 PM

**CCLC-1114**

**Growing Room CDC**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/15/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/26/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/30/2022	Monitoring Visit	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	Room 1	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main	Room 10	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	23	C	26	C	36	C	Centers, Free Play
Main	Room 11		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 12	Six Year Olds and Over	2	19	C	22	C	31	C	Centers, Free Play
Main	Room 13	One Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning, Centers
Main	Room 14		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 2	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Main	Room 3	Infants	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room 4		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 5	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 6	Infants	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play, Transitioning, Diapering
Main	Room 7	Infants	3	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Floor Play
Main	Room 8	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room 9	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 277

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 296

Total # Children this Date: 131

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1	62	C
Main	Playground 2	76	C

**Comments**

This program had a Licensing Study on July 26, 2022.

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.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.

**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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**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**

**Correction Deadline: 8/25/2022**

**Corrected on 8/15/2022**

The correction was observed on this date. Children were playing with the toys present. The pieces to the puzzles were observed to be present, as well. All toys on shelves were observed to be accessible on this date.

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022**

**Corrected on 8/15/2022**

A contractor has been hired to paint the rooms with chipped paint. All other corrections were made.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

The correction was observed on this date. New changing surfaces were observed to be present.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

Soap was present in Room 8 on this date. Staff stated proper knowledge of when hand washing was required

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022

Corrected on 8/15/2022

Staff stated proper knowledge on this date.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete during the licensing study that was completed on July 26, 2022.

<b>Safety</b>
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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed on this date.

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed during the Licensing Study that was conducted on July 26, 2022.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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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. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 35**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 12/09/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2022

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

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2019

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 06/04/2000	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 06/20/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 04/19/2022	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 04/19/2022	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 04/12/2022	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 05/12/2001	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/04/1998	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 04/29/2019	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 05/18/2020	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 10/30/1996	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 12/21/2016	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 09/10/2019	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met

**Records Reviewed: 35****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 07/13/2022

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

Staff # 21

Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2022

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

Staff # 22

Met

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 10/30/2017

Staff # 24

Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2021

Staff # 25

Met

Date of Hire: 05/02/1988

Staff # 26

Met

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2022

Staff # 28

Met

Staff # 29

Met

Date of Hire: 12/15/2021

Staff # 30

Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2006

Staff # 31

Met

Date of Hire: 10/02/2017

Staff # 32

Met

Date of Hire: 03/20/2019

Staff # 33

Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2021

Staff # 34

Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2019

Staff # 35

Met

**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.

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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**

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