



**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:** 8/1/2022      **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:30 AM

**Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-132**

**Sheltering Arms - Stonewall Tell**

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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.
08/01/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/26/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/20/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	

  

<b>Good Standing</b>	- Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
<b>Support</b>	- Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
<b>Deficient</b>	- 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	1	Infants	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	10		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	11		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	12		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	13	Three Year Olds	2	2	C	24	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Main	14		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	15	Three Year Olds	1	2	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	16		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	2		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	3	One Year Olds	1	2	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	4	One Year Olds	1	3	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	5	One Year Olds	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	6		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	7	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	8		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	9		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 340

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 19

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 340

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Pre-K	90	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study visit and to follow-up to previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/01/2022

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/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



**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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Angela Brown-Gorham, Program Official

Date

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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on consultant observation that three classrooms in us did not have a current lesson plan.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

**Correction Deadline: 8/26/2022**

**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.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation detergent was observed to be in unlock drawer in classroom #4.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 8/26/2022**

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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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**

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**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 64****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/17/2001	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/1999	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 06/13/2022	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2001	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2010	
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2014	
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 06/14/2021	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 12/27/1999	
Staff # 17	Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2008

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 11/18/2019

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 09/18/2006

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/1999

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 02/03/2022

Staff # 25 Met

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 10/13/2021

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/2020

Staff # 28 Met

Staff # 29 Met

Staff # 30 Met

Staff # 31 Met

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2020

Staff # 33 Met

Date of Hire: 11/18/2019

Staff # 34 Met

Staff # 35 Met

Staff # 36 Met

Date of Hire: 01/10/2005

Staff # 37 Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2021

Staff # 38 Met

Staff # 39 Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2020

Staff # 40 Met

Staff # 41 Met

Date of Hire: 06/15/2005

Staff # 42 Met

Staff # 43 Met

Staff # 44 Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2020

Staff # 45 Met

Staff # 46 Met

Date of Hire: 02/21/2022

Staff # 47 Met

Date of Hire: 01/11/2010

Staff # 48 Met

Staff # 49 Met

Staff # 50 Met

Staff # 51 Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 52 Met

Staff # 53 Met

Staff # 54 Met

Staff # 55 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2009

**Records Reviewed: 64**

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

Staff # 56	Met
Staff # 57	Met
Staff # 58	Met
Staff # 59	Met
Staff # 60	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2010	
Staff # 61	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2002	
Staff # 62	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2022	
Staff # 63	Met
Staff # 64	Met
Date of Hire: 09/07/2010	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 14**

**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**

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

**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.