



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 11/17/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:55 PM

**Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-36048**

**Ms. Niecy's Home Away From Home Learning Center**

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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.
11/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/19/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/05/2022	Licensing Study	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
Bldg II	A 1L	PreK	2	8	C	17	C	23	C	Nap
Bldg II	B 1R		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			32		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			109		
Building III	Main		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			19		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			109		
						Building @35 capacity limited by Zoning				
Main	A-Front Rm.	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	B- PreK Left Room	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C- Right Room		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D- 3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			65		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			109		
Main-Downstairs	Rm. E- 1's-2's	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			12		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			109		
Total # Children this Date:			47		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			128		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			109	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	178	C

**Comments**

MV conducted this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/17/2022

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.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



**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!**

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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Jeanne Beals, 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.

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No swimming activities provided.

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the floor on the left side of room B located near the yellow and white table was detaching and posed a possible tripping hazard. Additionally, flooring was observed detached in room A on the left side of the room near the diaper changing table.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

**Correction Deadline: 1/17/2023**

**Recited on 11/17/2022**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Correction Deadline: 5/15/2022****Corrected on 11/17/2022****.26(6) - Previous cite corrected.****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that two active ant beds were observed on the top right side of the play area near the preschool play equipment.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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<b>Safety</b>
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**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.

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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Staff # 1 Met  
Date of Hire: 05/10/2021

Staff # 2 Met  
Date of Hire: 06/03/2013

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/29/2022

Staff # 5 Met  
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019

Staff # 6 Met  
Date of Hire: 07/29/2021

Staff # 7 Met  
Date of Hire: 07/01/2013

Staff # 8 Met  
Date of Hire: 07/01/2013

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met  
Date of Hire: 10/03/2022

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

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/08/2022

Staff # 13 Met  
Date of Hire: 10/02/2013

Staff # 14 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/08/2016

Staff # 15 Met  
Date of Hire: 04/27/2020

Staff # 16 Met  
Date of Hire: 11/06/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**

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**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.

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**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**

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