



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/17/2024 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 8:35 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-1490**

**Childcare Network #9**

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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.<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. |
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| 10/17/2024                         | LS POI Follow Up                   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/31/2024                         | Incident Investigation Closure     | Deficient     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/30/2024                         | Incident Investigation & Follow Up | 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                           |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Building 1                      | Front-5+yr/Red    |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           |                                 |
| Building 1                      | FrontLt-Pre-K/1   |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           |                                 |
| Building 1                      | Lf Bk 3's         | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 16       | C    | 21                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                         |
| Building 1                      | Pre-K/3           | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                               | 10       | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                         |
| Building 1                      | Right Back-Pre-K2 | Two Year Olds                      | 2                               | 11       | C    | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Diapering,Free Play,Circle Time |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109 |                   |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |                                 |
| Building II                     | 1st Lt-Two's      | One Year Olds                      | 1                               | 8        | C    | 18                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play,Diapering             |
| Building II                     | 1st Rt-Infants    |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 9                             | C            | NA         | NA           |                                 |
| Building II                     | Mid-1yr-Toddler   | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 1                               | 6        | C    | 15                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast,Nap,Floor Play        |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42  |                   |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |                               |              |            |              |                                 |
| Total # Children this Date: 51  |                   |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                                 |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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## Comments

October 17, 2024--The LS/POI/FU was conducted on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director. The Center is in Good Standing.

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.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

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)



### 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.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old was observed to be in a high chair for breakfast and was not buckled in the high chair and the equipment was not used in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure Staff are trained in and children are taught the proper use of all furniture, materials and equipment; will implement a plan for this information to be reviewed with both groups on an ongoing basis; and for monitoring proper and age-appropriate usage.

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024**

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director when the vanities with exposed particle board were to be replaced.

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that parents were to list at least one person authorized to pick up their child(ren) on the child application.

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean. The vents were observed to be on in each bathroom in an effort to pull the odor of urine out.

**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)****Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute and ensure fall zones are maintained for proper resilient surface.

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that a staff member did not clean the changing surface with a soap and water solution and then a bleach water solution after they changed a diaper for a one-year-old child. Further, another staff member was observed to spray the soap and water solution and the bleach water solution at the same time, and it was not a two part step.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024**

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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 observation that one staff member wiped a child's nose and did not wash their hands before they handled a baby bottle. Further, another staff member washed their hands under the running water as they held the hands of a child who was washing their hands.

**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: 10/17/2024**

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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| <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Correction Deadline: 5/30/2024****Corrected on 10/17/2024**

The correction was made. Staff stated they were aware incidents that involved child abuse was required to be reported to the local County Division of Family and Children Services in accordance with state law and to the Department.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 5/30/2024****Corrected on 10/17/2024**

The correction was made for this rule cited, which was associated with the complaint.

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to remind staff on appropriate disciplinary measures and not to stand over them or yell at children when disciplining them. .

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2024**

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Director stated that no off campus field trips were conducted.

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

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

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/30/2024**

**Corrected on 10/17/2024**

The correction was made. An infant was observed to be in their crib and placed on their back on this date.

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**Staff Records**

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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-.14 First Aid & CPR****Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR that were required to have the training by this date.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024**

**Corrected on 10/17/2024**

The correction was made. No other staff were reported to be arrested and have an unsatisfactory criminal background check.

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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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.