



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/30/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 11:00 AM    **Departure:** 4:45 PM

**CCLC-38693**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <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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| 08/30/2023                         | Licensing Study                   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/22/2023                         | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/22/2023                         | Complaint Closure                 | 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                            | A-1R  | Infants                            | 2     | 5        | C                             | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Diapering, Floor Play |
| Main                            | B-2R  | One Year Olds                      | 2     | 8        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Story, Lunch               |
| Main                            | C- 3R | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2     | 11       | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                      |
| Main                            | D-4R  | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 11       | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                      |
| Main                            | E- 5R | Two Year Olds                      | 1     | 10       | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                      |
| Main                            | F-5L  | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds  | 2     | 14       | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside, Circle Time       |
| Main                            | G- 4L | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 23       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Music                      |
| Main                            | H- 3L | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 19       | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Music                      |
| Main                            | I- 2L | Three Year Olds                    | 2     | 17       | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                      |
| Main                            | J-1L  | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds  | 2     | 9        | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                      |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174 |       |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                            |
| Total # Children this Date: 127 |       |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                            |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main     | PG/ B      | 84                   | C                     |

### Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on June 22, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/30/2023

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

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Bailey LaToya, Program Official

Date

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Lynn Schnitzer, Regional Consultant

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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-.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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure that the parents update the following information as needed:

- Parents' work and contact information.
- Parents' work and personal address.
- Emergency contact persons' name and contact information.
- Release to persons' names and address.
- Doctor's name and contact information.
- Allergy/medical information

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2023

Facility

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| <b>591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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| <b>591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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| <b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that potentially hazardous items are stored inaccessible to children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2023**

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| <b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the resilient surfacing under the climbing equipment is well-maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 9/9/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure the sidewalk on the left of the building leading to playground PG/B is not slippery.

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2023**

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

Consultant observed that infant feeding forms were current and updated regularly.

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

591-1-1-.15(1) - Consultant discussed USDA meal guidelines with the director.

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| <b>591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.07(2) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the center is providing written notification to parents of all enrolled children when an illness listed on the communicable disease chart is present in the center,

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2023**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(4) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that diaper changing surfaces are smooth and non-porous.

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2023**

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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****Correction Deadline: 8/30/2023****Corrected on 8/30/2023**

.20(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed center to have authorization for all medication present at the center.

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| <b>Organization</b> |
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**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.16(f) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure to file an amendment to change room J-1L to a diapered room.

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2023**

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| <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not conduct a fire drill in June 2023.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

**Correction Deadline: 9/4/2023**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.05 Animals

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

### 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.

### 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

#### Comment

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep requirements.

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that bedding is stored without touching any other mats or bedding,

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2023**

## Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit June 22, 2023.

### 591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

#### Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff hired more than 90 days to be certified in First Aid and CPR.

### 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

#### Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

### 591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## Staffing and Supervision

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.