



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/20/2025 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:50 PM Departure: 5:25 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
05/20/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/02/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/08/2024	POI 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
Gym	Gym-school age		0	0	C	109	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Gym	Room 9		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Main	A-PreK	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Transitioning
Main	B-Threes	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers,Snack
Main	C-Older Ones		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-Transition Room		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-Twos	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Snack,Transitioning
Main	G-Ones	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Snack,Transitioning
Main	H-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 215			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Gym	School Age Playground (right)	90	C
Main	Childcare Playground (Left)	59	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	7	10	6	12	10	0

Comments

An in person licensing study was conducted on this date. Rebecca Owsley spoke with the Assistant Director about the report and sent the Docusign to the director's email and let the Assistant Director know she would call the director at 11:00 am tomorrow to go over the report with her as well.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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 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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Assistant Director stated the Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 in the Main B-Threes classroom, that there were two purses and two grocery bags in a low cabinet that was unlocked.

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: 5/20/2025

Recited on 5/20/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure weeds on the Main Childcare Playground (left) are cut back or removed.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 26	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

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

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.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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 Assistant Director stated the Center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 26	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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 a review of records that the Center did not conduct fire drills in January or March 2025 as required.

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: 5/31/2025

Recited on 5/20/2025

Safety

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the fire extinguisher on the vehicle needed to be charged and was not maintained in working order.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2025

Recited on 5/20/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 23

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 26**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that the satisfactory Criminal Records Check determination for Staff #23 was not ported electronically to the Center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will immediately ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will continue to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2025**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR****Met****Correction Deadline: 1/15/2025****Corrected on 5/20/2025**

.14(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed that Staff #10, Staff #16, and Staff #17 obtained certification in first aid and CPR training. Staff #8, Staff #14, and Staff #15 no longer work at the Center.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/1/2025****Corrected on 5/20/2025**

.33(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed that Staff #2 completed health and safety orientation training.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 23

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024

Corrected on 5/20/2025

.32(4)(b) - This citation was corrected on this date. The center no longer has a transition classroom that had 2-year-old children with 3-year-old children.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met**

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.