



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/29/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-65793

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Quality Rated: No

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.
04/29/2025	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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 Building	A - 1st Right	Infants	3	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main Building	B - 2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main Building	C - 3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main Building	D - 4th Right	One Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main Building	E - 5th Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building	F - 6th Right	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building	G - 7th Right	Two Year Olds	3	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building	H - 8th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building	I - 4th Left	Three Year Olds	3	25	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building	J - 3rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	25	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building	K - 2nd Left		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	L - 1st Left	GA PreK	2	16	C	31	C	NA	NA	Lunch

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 256

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Playground A - Infants	5	C
Main Building	Playground B - Toddlers	53	C
Main Building	Playground C - Preschool	78	C
Main Building	Playground C (Patio)	6	C
Main Building	Playground D - School Age	24	C

Comments

A final license was not issued on this date due to outstanding citations. A temporary license was issued on this date. Facility does carry liability insurance.

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.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 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 Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Ensure furniture is secured as required.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2024

Corrected on 4/29/2025

.25(13) - Previous citation observed to be corrected on this date. No hazards were observed to be accessible to children.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.10(2) - Ensure all diapering surfaces are adjacent to hand washing sinks.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2024

Corrected on 4/29/2025

.10(3) - Previous citation observed to be corrected on this date. The diaper pads in all diapering classrooms were observed to be in good condition.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on a review of records that the center failed to administer a dose of medication on April 23, 2024 that was authorized to be administered by the parent.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will designate staff that will be responsible for ensuring medication is administered as authorized and create a plan to monitor medication administration. The center director and all staff responsible for administration of authorized medication will complete a Bright From The Start approved training on the proper administration and documentation of medication by May 5, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025

Policies and Procedures

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 fire drill was not completed in January and March 2024. Also, the tornado drill was not completed within the required 6 month period and the lockdown drill has not been completed in 2024 or 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold a tornado and lockdown drills by May 6, 2025. The Center will create an action plan to ensure that drills are held as required. The Center will hold all drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2025

Recited on 4/29/2025

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Twenty-one (21) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2021 and 2022.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met**

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2025

Corrected on 4/29/2025

.14(2) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Staff had evidence of completing CPR and First Aid.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

A supervision plan was created on this date due to the shape of classrooms and playgrounds.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Ensure staff are seated at all times within arm's length of each child 36 months of age and younger during all meals and snacks.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2025