



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/14/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:05 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-64120

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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.
05/14/2025	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	Room A 1st left 2 year old		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room B back left 3 year old		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room C right middle 1 year old		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			14			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0	
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Main Playground	15	C

Comments

An initial licensing study visit was conducted on today May 14, 2025. A license was not issued due to not being able to assess the child care facility with no working electricity. The facility does not carry liability insurance a notice. Consultant observed on posted notice board.

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.decal.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@decal.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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Comment

The Department requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation during initial licensing visit Classroom B and Classroom C did not have lesson plans posted. Please ensure to have current weekly or monthly lesson plans posted in each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

Technical Assistance

The Department requires the Center to provide a variety of activities that allow for: indoor and outdoor play; quiet and active periods; free choice and directed activities; individual and group activities; large and small muscle activities; language experiences; arts and crafts; dramatic play; music and movement; and nature and science. During initial licensing on May 14, 2025 it was determined based on observation that Classroom A require more art material, Classroom B require more art material and add missing music materials, and Classroom C required more dramatic play materials and add missing reading and art materials. Please ensure to add missing materials to learning centers.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

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

N/A

Comment

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

Facility

Finding

The Department requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that on May 14, 2025, bathroom used for Classroom A and Classroom B did not have an exhaust fan installed. It was further observed that bathroom had a screened window that was not operable. Please ensure to have an exhaust fan installed or inoperable window fixed to open and close properly.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

Comment

The Department requires Center Staff to ensure bathrooms are cleaned daily with a disinfectant. During initial inspection visit on May 14, 2025, it was determined based on observation that one out of two toilets were not cleaned. Please ensure that bathroom equipment is cleaned daily. Please ensure to cut screw bolts on second toilet near the window.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

The overall capacity for this center is 14. There are no limitations. License was not granted on this date due to utilities not operating.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that bathroom closet was not locked and had hazardous items accessible. Please ensure to keep all closet doors locked and hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that center lighting is adequate at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2025

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that center temperature is maintained between 65 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Please ensure that a variety of age appropriate toys are provided on the playground for the children, treat the ant beds, remove pine cones, and ensure playground is clean and free from hazards.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Not Met****Finding**

The Department prohibits children from being in the kitchen except as part of a planned, supervised learning experience. It was determined based on observation that on May 14, 2025, the kitchen door did not have a lock and did not close completely. Please ensure that kitchen door has a lock and is operable by closing completely shut to prevent children from having access to the kitchen area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that children's access to the kitchen is restricted as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

Finding

The Department requires that non-disposable dishes, glasses and silverware are properly cleaned by pre-rinsing, or scraping, washing, sanitizing and air drying. A three (3) compartment sink or a dishwasher with a sani-cycle or capability of maintaining a rinse water temperature of a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) degrees Fahrenheit and a two (2) compartment sink shall be available. Dishes, glasses and silverware shall be rinsed in the approved dishwasher or rinsed in a chemical sanitizer and air dried. It was determined based on observation that on May 14, 2025 that the kitchen had a one (1) compartment sink when a two (2) compartment sink and disposable dishes are required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff in the required dishwashing methods, will add additional sink compartment that meets the standards, and will routinely check equipment and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. The water was cold. Please ensure that all sinks used for the children have warm running water.

Finding

The Department requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation on May 14, 2025 that Classroom A and Classroom C did not have an exhaust fan installed. It was further observed that the windows in Classroom A and Classroom C were not operable. Please ensure to have exhaust fans installed in the diapering area of Classroom A and Classroom C or have windows fixed to open and close properly with screen coverings.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2025

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the owner on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed medication documentation, administration, and storage.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date. It was determined based on observation during initial licensing visit that the menu was not posted on posted notice board.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the owner.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Center does not plan to serve infants and no cribs were evaluated on this date. The correct number of cots were observed on this date. Please ensure to provide the correct number of sheets and covers for the children.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Three (3) of three (3) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

Please ensure to add tweezers, thermometer, face mask, insect sting preparation, and eye protection to the first aid kit.

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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the owner on this date.

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

A supervision plan was created on this date due to playground route not being fully enclosed.

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the owner on this date.