



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/26/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

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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.
02/26/2025	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	Room A-1st right corner-1's-2's	One Year Olds	3	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Building A	Room B-Infants-2nd R	Infants	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Transitioning
Main Building A	Room C-2/3 year olds	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main Building A	Room D-Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Building A	Room E Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Building A	Room F Pre-K	Four Year Olds	3	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Building A	Room G Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Main Building A	Room H Pre-K		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main Building A	Room I Pre-K		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	

Main Building A	Room J 3 year olds	Three Year Olds	3	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main Building A	Room K 2's	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main Building A	Room L-2's	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main Building A	Room M-2's	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning, Nap
Main Building A	Room N-2's/3's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main Building A	Room O-3 year olds	Three Year Olds	3	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Nap, Transitioning
Main Building A	Room P-3's 4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Main Building A	Room Q-3's/4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 305			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 174			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 305			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building A	Playground A-Right	80	C
Main Building A	Playground B-Back	52	C

Comments

An initial licensing visit was completed on February 26, 2025. Your initial license was issued on this date. The provider does carry liability insurance. License capacity is 305 children.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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:

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.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

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)

N/A

Comment

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

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

The overall licensed capacity is 305 children.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(4) requires the Center to maintain the temperature in the range of 65 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit and to ventilate the Center be ventilated either by mechanical or natural means for the purpose of providing fresh air and controlling unpleasant odors. Facilities which do not have a functioning central heating and air-conditioning system shall make fifty percent (50%) of all required windows operable for ventilation. Any openings used for ventilation shall be screened. It was determined based on observation in room C-Q that the ventilation fans in the bathrooms were not operable.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add screen(s), if needed. The designated person(s) will check frequently to ensure the Center's temperature is maintained at 65 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit, will monitor to ensure that either natural or mechanical ventilation provides fresh air and controls unpleasant odors, and that any openings used for ventilation are screened.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

Discussed with the director to be sure to reinforce the material used to close the gaps in the fencing. Additionally, to be sure to be mindful of any chipped paint on the fencing.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2025

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation, administration, storage and procedures.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the director.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****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) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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.

Comment

Three 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 2022. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirement with the director during the inspection visit.

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-.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)**Met****Comment**

A supervision plan was created on this date for diapering areas in room A and B. Bathroom supervision and classroom supervision for Classroom C.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.