



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/30/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:00 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.
04/30/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/02/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/11/2023	Monitoring Visit	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	Far Left Rm1027	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Left Rm1024	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Middle RM 1000	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Right Back RM 1002	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Snack,Floor Play,Nap
Main	Right Front Rm 1001	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 66					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 59					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left	38	C
Main	Right	54	C
Main	Right Back	11	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	8	16	16	14	0	4

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on previous rule violations.

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.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with Director to secure the computer monitors in three-year-old and four-year-old classrooms with a strap or heavy velcro to prevent tipping hazards from becoming present.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility**Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Consultant discussed the capacity limitations for classrooms 1000 and 1001. An amendment might be necessary for corrections to capacity based on the floor plan.

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to repair or replace the soft blue sofa in the one-year-old classroom and the soft brown sofa in the two-year-old classroom where rips are developing in the material.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2025**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the fencing in the back left corner on the Preschool Playground is repaired where a recent storm has caused damaged. Consultant observed the damaged area of fencing to be taped off and inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2025**Food Service****Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2019

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2019

"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.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 4/30/2025

.30(1)(a)2 - The previous citation was corrected in that consultant observed all crib sheets to be tight-fitting and free from gaps as required.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2019

"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)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that employee number one, with a hire date of April 22, 2019 did not have evidence of a satisfactory background check letter. The employee's background check letter was observed to be expired. The employee was observed to present and working with children in the toddler one classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review the background check rules to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. 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 follow up with background checks as they expire to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of records that employee number one, with a hire date of April 22, 2019 did not have evidence of a satisfactory background check letter. The employee's background check letter was observed to be expired. The employee was observed to present and working with children in the toddler one classroom

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review background check rules to ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. 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 follow up and ensure employees renew background checks every five years to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2025

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.