



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/19/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:30 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-48374

Childcare Network #311

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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.
08/19/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/03/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/27/2025	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	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	A- 1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Free Play
Main	B- 2L		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 3L	One Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D- 4L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E- 5L	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Circle Time
Main	F- Back Left		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	G- Back Middle	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H- 1R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	I- 2R	GA PreK	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	J- 3R	GA PreK	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K- 4R	GA PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	L- Center		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 244					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 107					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 244					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back Playground	321	C
Main	Left playground	50	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	12	22	19	60	0	17

Comments

Consultant discussed the new rule changes that went into effect July 1, 2025.

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.al.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:

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 MV:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2025

Prior Visits: 05/19/2021

Corrected on 8/19/2025

.03(9) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed age-appropriate discipline and redirection during the time of the visit.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Discussed with the director to monitor the plush blocks and equipment for rips and tears with exposed foam. Air Conditioning Units were observed in two classrooms at the time of the visit, Consultant discussed with the director to make sure they are not accessible to children while they are in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

Prior Visits: 07/09/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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

Not Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools in the bathroom (i.e., broom, plunger, toilet brush) out of reach of children.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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 the follow hazards were observed:

- classroom E-5L had hand sanitizer on the left side of the sink and an unlocked cabinet under the left sink with a bottle of bleach and other cleaning products accessible to children.
- classroom G-Back Middle had an unlocked cabinet under the left sink with latex gloves and, also, latex gloves and baby wipes labeled keep out of reach of children were observed on a shelf near the bathroom accessible to children.
- classroom J-3R had adult scissor in an unlocked drawer near the sink accessible to children.

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: 8/19/2025

Prior Visits: 12/06/2022, 11/08/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2025

Prior Visits: 05/08/2023

Corrected on 8/19/2025

.26(4) - Previous citation observed corrected at the time of the visit. Consultant observed the playground fences to be repaired with no gaps or holes as a hazards to children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Discussed with the director to remove the black mats on the playground under the swings and tall slides and informed the director mulch would need to be added measuring at 6 inches in depth.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2025

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - Discussed with the director to ensure staff remind the children the wash their hands upon arrival in the morning.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on on both vehicles used to transport children at the time of the visit.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided eight files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of new Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.