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**Date:** 4/28/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

**CCLC-57960**
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 04/28/2025 | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 04/08/2025 | Incident Investigation & Follow Up | Good Standing |
| 11/06/2024 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |

**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.

**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 | C1 | | 0 | 0 | C | 3 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | C2 | | 0 | 0 | C | 1 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | C3 | | 0 | 0 | C | 2 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | C4 | | 0 | 0 | C | 2 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | Classroom A | Three Year Olds | 1 | 12 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | Outside,Free Play |
| Main | Classroom B | Three Year Olds | 1 | 15 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Outside,Free Play |
| Main | Classroom C | | 0 | 0 | C | 16 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | Classroom D | Four Year Olds | 1 | 12 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | Outside,Transitioning |
| Main | Classroom E | GA PreK | 2 | 18 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | Classroom F | Two Year Olds | 2 | 9 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | Classroom G | Two Year Olds | 2 | 14 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | Classroom H | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2 | 10 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | Lunch |
| Main | Classroom I | One Year Olds | 1 | 4 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Lunch |
| Main | Classroom J | Infants | 2 | 8 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Nap,Feeding |
| Main | Classroom K | | 0 | 0 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 102 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | A | 18 | C |
| Main | B | 47 | C |
| Main | C | 62 | C |

| Enrolled Children | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 years | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 10 | 19 | 27 | 35 | 29 | 0 | 18 |

**Comments**
A copy of today's visit report was left with the provider on this date.

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.

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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.

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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 a1 855-800-7747 or** qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

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**(Findings Report)**

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**The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:**

## Activities and Equipment

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

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

**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.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)** **Not Met**

**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 observations that the following hazards were present:
-Three year old classroom A - a child's metal baseball bat was sticking out of the child's bag and was easily accessible to the children.
-Four year old classroom D - a plunger was located on the bathroom floor and was accessible to the children.
- GA Pre-K classroom E - a plunger was located on the bathroom floor and was accessible to the children.
-Two year old classroom F - the bathroom contained multiple hazards that were accessible to the children including a broom, dust pan, tubes of diaper cream, and a pack of wipes.
-Two year old classroom G - a broom was located in the bathroom and a bottle of window cleaning solution was stored in an unlocked cabinet under the sink which posed a hazard to the 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: 4/28/2025**

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

**Comment**
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

## Food Service

**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.15(2)(f) - Please ensure that all foods served are cut to appropriate portion sizes in order to prevent choking.

**Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025**

## Health and Hygiene

**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**
591-1-1-.10(6) requires Center Staff to keep any items which might harm a child out of a child's reach. It was determined based on observation that in two year old classroom G, a bottle of sunscreen and a pack of wipes stating "keep out of reach of children" were located on the changing table within reach of the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will remove any harmful item and provide instruction to staff. that includes identification and storage of hazardous items and procedures for keeping classrooms and other children's areas free of hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025**

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

**Comment**
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Safety

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

**Comment**
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**
Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

**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.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**Comment**
Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Comment**
Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

## 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 nine file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

**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.