



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/21/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 7:15 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

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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.
01/21/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/24/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/12/2025	Complaint Closure	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: 1R: Infants	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	B: 2R: older two's	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Breakfast
Main	C: 3R: two's		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: 4R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	E: 5R : Pre-K	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Centers
Main	F: 6R: Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	G: 6L : Pre-K	GA PreK	2	17	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Breakfast
Main	H: 5L: Four's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Free Play
Main	I: 4L: three's	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Free Play
Main	J: 3L: two's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Free Play
Main	K: 2L: one's		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 108					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd A - Right Front - 6wks- 12mths	19	C
Main	Plgd B- RM- 3 years	89	C
Main	Plgd C- Back - 4 and up	177	C
Main	Plgd D- Left Back - 2's	27	C
Main	Plgd E- Left Front - 1's	16	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	18	31	38	37	13	0

Comments

The required documents were observed on this date.

The exit conference discussed the license study that was conducted 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.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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities were observed throughout the center.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure wheels are locked on shelves.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure room E5R three's cabinet door lock is replaced.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2026

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2025

Corrected on 1/21/2026

The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Playground B red and yellow seesaw has been removed.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program was observed to have complete emergency drills.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation was observed on this date. Transportation was observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

Staff # 16

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/31/2005

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

Staff # 21

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/05/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(6)-Training Documentation Missing

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

Director provided two files for employees hired since the last visit.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices. It was determined based on review of records that Staff #6, #16, #19, and #21 did not have evidence of the annual two hour language and literacy practices training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2026

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.