



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/20/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:20 AM **Departure:** 12:20 PM

CCLC-45813

The Magnolia School & Child Care Center #1

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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.
08/20/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/25/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/19/2024	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	A-Left Front	Infants	1	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Circle Time
Main	C-3rd Left		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-Right Front	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-2nd Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F-3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G-4th Right	GA PreK	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H-Right Rear		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I : Center Rear		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J-Left Rear		0	0	C	60	C	NA	NA	
Main	K-Middle (lunchroom)		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 45					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd A-Left side	28	C
Main	Plgd B-Left Rear	122	C
Main	Plgd C-Right Rear	60	C
Main	Plgd D-Right Front	42	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	8	11	11	18	0	26

Comments

The Consultant discussed July 1, 2025 rule changes and left resources for the center director.

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

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/24/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/27/2022

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Staff # 11

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591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2025

Prior Visits: 02/25/2025

Corrected on 8/20/2025

.03(2) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed current lesson plans from Rooms B, D, and F.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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.

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 4

Not Met

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Staff # 8

Not Met

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Staff # 11

Not Met

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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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2025**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Correction Deadline: 3/7/2025****Prior Visits: 02/25/2025****Corrected on 8/20/2025**

.26(6) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all of the Little Tikes 2-in-1 Snug and Secure Swings to have working seat belt straps.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Playground A: Chipped paint

Playground B: Rusted swing Chains, and chipped paint.

Playground C: Chipped paint and rusted exposed bolts.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2025**Prior Visits: 02/25/2025**

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that Playground B and C had two inches of resilient surface around the fall zones of the large climbing equipment and swings when six inches of resilient surface was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Prior Visits: 03/22/2024

Recited on 8/20/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/24/2025

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.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/27/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/04/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2025

Prior Visits: 02/25/2025

Corrected on 8/20/2025

.17(7) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed complaint handwashing on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 4

Not Met

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Staff # 8 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/27/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 11 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/04/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(2)(r) - New - Discussed updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center. Also discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Additional information can be found in the CCLC Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at:

<https://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2025

Safety

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/24/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 8 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/27/2022

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Staff # 11 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/04/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Met

Corrected on 8/20/2025

.36(3)(a-b) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the driver to have a current Transportation training.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 4

Not Met

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Staff # 8

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Staff # 11

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 4

Not Met

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

Met

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2025

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 4

Not Met

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Staff # 8

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Date of Hire: 06/27/2022

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Date of Hire: 03/04/2025

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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.