



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/12/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:40 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-398

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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.
11/12/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/09/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/02/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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 - 1st Rt -Pre-K-1	GA PreK	3	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B -2nd Rt -Pre-K-2	GA PreK	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C - 3rd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	D - 4th right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E- 2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F- 1st Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 71					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	31	C
Main	Middle Playground	27	C
Main	Prek Playground	25	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	2	10	2	25	5	0

Comments

The Consultant reviewed new staff files and evaluated Core Rules.

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 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 on this date.

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.

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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.25(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that air purifiers were positioned to be inaccessible to children and installed securely to avoid tipping hazards, as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. The Consultant discussed with the Director the proper identification of plants and shrubs to ensure that any poisonous or hazardous plants were inaccessible to children, as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that the chain link fencing material was routinely monitored to ensure no potential hazards were present, as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2025

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 the resilient surfacing beneath the playground structure and the orange climbing wall on the Pre-K Playground measured approximately 0 to 1 inch in depth, where a minimum depth of 3 inches was required. It was further determined that the resilient surfacing beneath the playground structure on the Middle Playground measured 0 to 1 inch in depth, where a minimum depth of 3 inches was required. It was also determined that the rubber mats located beneath the playground structures on Pre-K Playground and Middle Playground were not flush with the resilient surfacing, creating a potential tripping hazard.

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: 12/5/2025

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2024

Corrected on 11/12/2025

.26(9) - Correction of previous citation on this date. The Consultant discussed with the Director that Staff were informed of items not permitted in the building due to being hazardous to children. The Director further stated that Staff conduct daily walk-throughs of the playground to ensure it remains free of litter and other hazards.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure playground maintenance was routinely conducted so all areas and equipment remain in good repair and free from hazards, as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2025

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2024

Corrected on 11/12/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed children were supervised at all times, with Staff positioned to provide watchful oversight, as required.