



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 8/7/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-66965**

**The Learning Experience**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| 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. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 08/07/2025                  | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                          |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Deficient</b> - 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                          | 3R-Toddler Two Prepper 123      |           | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | L1-Infant A 105                 |           | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | L2-Infant B-107                 |           | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | L3-Two Year Twaddler 108        |           | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | L4-Vacant 111                   |           | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | L5-Preschool Four Year Old 115  |           | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 30         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | L6-Vacant 118                   |           | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | R1-Playroom 131                 |           | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 0          | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | R2-Preschool Three year old 125 |           | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 33         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | R4-Toddler A One year old 120   |           | 0                           | 0        | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:   |                                 |           | 170                         |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |       |
| Total # Children this Date: 0 |                                 |           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |       |

| Building | Playground                   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Preschool Playground (Right) | 29                   | C                     |

|      |                           |    |   |
|------|---------------------------|----|---|
| Main | Toddler Playground (Left) | 25 | C |
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### Comments

The child care program received a final license on this date. The facility carries liability insurance. The total capacity is 170. There were two classrooms 111 and 118 that were measured but not in use. There is also a playroom that is a special use room 131.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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](http://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:**

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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a ILS:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**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. No pool observed on site.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Final License was granted, the overall capacity was 170.

**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 observation that brooms and dust pans were in classrooms on hooks but low and 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: 8/14/2025**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff stated proper procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

**Comment**

The consultant discussed with the director the importance of having the correct sized diaper changing pad for all diapering classrooms. The provider has diaper changing pads but some may be too high for children other than infants. The consultant discussed the diapering area being closer to the sink so the teacher will be able to touch the sink and the changing table. The consultant advised the provider to remove the diapering pads except for the infants. The changing table has a barrier but no strap to secure the children. The consultant suggested that the center remove the pads for the older children as the barrier appears to be high enough for infants.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication. Discussed medication documentation, administration, and storage.

**Safety**

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Consultant observed Twenty-four (24) of twenty-four (24) cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in (2024). Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the owner and director during the inspection visit.

**Staff Records**

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

Three (3) of three (3) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

Please replace/add after bite in first aid kit.

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.