



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/3/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-23803

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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. 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.
02/03/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/05/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/03/2024	Complaint Investigation & 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
Building 1	101 1st lft		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	102 A front		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	102 B back		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	103	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Building 1	104 4th lft	One Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	105 A front		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	105 B back	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 1	106 A front	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Building 1	106 B back	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 1	107 A front	Infants	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Na p
Building 1	107 B back	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Building 1	108 1st rt.	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Building 1	113 upstairs rt		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	114 upstairs back		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			241		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Building 2	116 1st rt	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 2	117 2nd rt	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Diapering,TV

Building 2 118 3rd rt	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,TV
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Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	
Total # Children this Date: 116	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 306	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	A front	24	C
Building 1	B back lft	43	C
Building 1	C rt	181	C
Building 2	D back	200	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
16	21	33	32	14	1	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Children and staff files, staff training, emergency drills and other required documents were available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference was conducted discussing the licensing study report with the director on this date. An email with the licensing study report was sent to the director for signature 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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure children's enrollment forms are completed entirely.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

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 met by center on this date.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that an infant was asleep in a bouncy when the consultant entered the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based observation that an infant was asleep in a bouncy when the consultant entered the classroom at 10:09 AM. Center staff did not remove the infant from the bouncy until 10:16 AM.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Documentation observed of required ten (10) hours of annual staff training for the year 2024.

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 7/5/2024

Corrected on 2/3/2025

.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed center staff supervising children on this date.