



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/18/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:35 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-25658
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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.
02/18/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/17/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/14/2024	Licensing Study	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	1st Back Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	18	C	40	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	1st Back Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	1st Front Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Front Right	Infants and One Year Olds	3	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2nd Back Left	Four Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	2nd Back Right	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd Front Right		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Far Back Left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Middle	Three Year Olds	3	27	C	29	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 82					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Small	22	C
Main	Large-Play	47	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	12	17	24	28	8	57

Comments

The purpose of this visit was a Licensing Study.

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.decga.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@decga.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

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/22/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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.

Evening Care

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2020

Records Reviewed: 17

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591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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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 center.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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. Please ensure that heating and cooling equipment are inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024****Corrected on 2/18/2025****.26(9) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any playground hazards on this date.****Food Service****Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/22/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 15

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 17**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Date of Hire: 09/23/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/22/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024****Corrected on 2/18/2025****.07(5) - Previous citation corrected in that no children had pacifiers attached to their clothing on this date.****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/22/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. Please ensure that all transportation vehicle seats are in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) - requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. Please ensure that all transportation vehicles are equipped with a fire extinguisher.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. - requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. Please ensure that child booster seats that are not in use are removed from the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 17	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3
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Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/22/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3
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Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/22/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024****Corrected on 2/18/2025****.09(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed all staff to have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file on this date.****Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024****Corrected on 2/18/2025****.09(1)(l)3. - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed all staff to have a current Records Check Determination on file on this date.****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of records that there was not at least fifty percent of staff with a current First Aid and CPR certification on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #12 (Date of Hire: 12/10/2020) did not have evidence of completing CPR and First Aid training within the first 90 days of their hire date as required by the Department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2025

Recited on 2/18/2025

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

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #17 (Date of Hire: 12/22/2022) did not have evidence of completing Health and Safety Orientation training within the first 90 days of employment as required by the Department.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2025

Recited on 2/18/2025

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #15 (Date of Hire: 09/23/2003) did not have evidence of completing ten hours of annual training for the 2024 calendar year as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 12

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2020

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

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 17

Not Met

Date of Hire: 12/22/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.