



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/8/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:55 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-16542**

**Treehouse Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                   |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/08/2025                         | Licensing Study                   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/30/2024                         | Licensing Study                   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/14/2023                         | 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-First Left     | GA PreK       | 2     | 18       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch         |
| Main                            | B-Second Lft     | One Year Olds | 1     | 5        | C                             | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | C-First Right    |               | 0     | 0        | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           |               |
| Main                            | D-Back Middle    | Infants       | 1     | 6        | C                             | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding,Nap   |
| Main                            | E-Right 1st Left | One Year Olds | 1     | 5        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Main                            | F-BR Prek2       | GA PreK       | 3     | 13       | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch         |
| Main                            | G- Prek3         | GA PreK       | 3     | 17       | C                             | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128 |                  |               |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |               |
| Total # Children this Date: 64  |                  |               |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |               |

| Building | Playground          | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | 2's                 | 93                   | C                     |
| Main     | Infant Playground   | 7                    | C                     |
| Main     | Middle Playground   | 97                   | C                     |
| Main     | School Age          | 109                  | C                     |
| Main     | Toddlers Playground | 11                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 6                 | 6       | 7       | 10      | 52      | 8                  | 8                 |

#### Comments

A licensing visit was conducted on this date.

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

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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Summary 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

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

Food Service

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(2)(f) requires that food for infants or children less than one (1) year of age be cut into pieces one-quarter inch or smaller and food for toddlers shall be cut into pieces one-half inch or smaller to prevent choking.

**Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025**

**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**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

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

REMINDER: 591-1-1-.21(2)(r) - New -requires Center policies and procedures include 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.

**Correction Deadline: 10/13/2025**

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Week of September 29, 2025 - October 6, 2025 transportation to Craig Elementary school and Gwin Oaks ES

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Comment**

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

**Staff Records**

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

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit on September 30, 2024.

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

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) - New - REMINDER: 591-1-1-.14(2)(b) requires that there must always be one staff person present in each classroom where children are present that has current and valid pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid training.

**Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025**

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

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - REMINDER: requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices.

**Correction Deadline: 11/7/2025**

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) - A written agreement from the parent must be on file at the center for any child who turns three years old during the year and remains with the two-year-old group as indicated in the rule. It is also acceptable for a child who is at least two years and six months of age to be placed with a group of three-year olds with a written agreement from the parent of the younger child.

**Correction Deadline: 10/8/2025**

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.