



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/4/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-749

Teach "O" Rea Preparatory School

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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.
09/04/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/12/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/17/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
			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.

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 Right- Infants		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B- 2nd Rt- 1 y/o		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C- 1st Rt- Pre-K	GA PreK	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E- Upstairs- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F- 2nd Rt- 2 y/o	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H-- Pre-K	GA PreK	3	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 40		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	2nd Playground	11	C
Main	3rd Playground	55	C
Main	Back/Large Playground	213	C
Main	Front Playground	23	C
Main	Infant Playground	3	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	10	12	26	0	15

Comments

The Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions. The Consultant discussed 2025 updates made to the CCLC Rules & Regulations. 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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV:

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.

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of Parents' written permission to participate in swimming activities was observed on this date.

Comment

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

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

Prior Visits: 11/12/2024

Corrected on 9/4/2025

.08(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the DeKalb County Board of Public Health conducted the 2025 school-year assessment of immunization certificates on May 1, 2025, and reported the Center had 100% compliance as required.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that cooling equipment was positioned or installed to be inaccessible to children as required.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the toilet located in classroom Main F - 2nd Rt - 2 y/o had a crack on the toilet tank lid that extended from the front to the back. The crack resulted in chipped enamel along the edge, creating a sharp surface and a potential safety hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2025

Prior Visits: 10/31/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that there was chipped paint on the following playground structures located on the Back/Large Playground:

- Blue and red merry-go-round
- Blue, white, and red spaceship slide
- Red swing set
- Blue and red monkey bars

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024

Prior Visits: 11/12/2024

Corrected on 9/4/2025

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed adequate resilient surfacing beneath the required equipment and fall zone areas as required.

Finding

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. It was determined based on observation that lichen growth was present on the green and yellow jungle gym equipment on the 3rd Playground in areas that were accessible to children causing a potential hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2025

Prior Visits: 10/31/2022

Recited on 9/4/2025

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.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2024**Prior Visits: 11/12/2024****Corrected on 9/4/2025****.36(3)(a-b)** - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the required transportation training was on file for each staff member who participates in the transportation of children as required.**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024****Prior Visits: 11/12/2024****Corrected on 9/4/2025****.36(4)(f)1.** - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that child passenger restraining systems were present and properly secured for all children as required.**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

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

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

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.