



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/4/2025 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:55 AM Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-1956

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
08/04/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/21/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/18/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	Pre-K W111		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	203- 1st Lt.	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	15	C	Circle Time
Main	204	Three Year Olds	1	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	206- 1st Rt.	Infants	1	1	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	207- 2nd Lt.		0	0	C	10	C	15	C	Not In Use
Main	208- 2nd Rt.	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	209		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	Not In Use
Main	210- 3rd Rt.	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	211- 4th Rt.	Four Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C212		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Dining		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Gym		0	0	C	200	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	W202		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 129			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 393			Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 129			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 393				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/ Toddler	12	C
Main	PreK/ School Age	33	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	7	5	18	5	0	0

Comments

The Consultant reviewed new staff records, child records, and evaluated Core Rules. The Consultant and the Director discussed transportation documentation, playground license capacity requirements, and sleeping and resting equipment requirements to ensure continued compliance was maintained.

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.decgal.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@decgal.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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024

Prior Visits: 11/21/2024

Corrected on 8/4/2025

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed children's records were completed with the authorized release person information on file as required on this date.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that air purifiers installed in the classroom were inaccessible to children as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2025

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fencing material located by the entry gate on the PreK/School Age Playground measured 3 feet, 8 inches when 4 feet was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2025**Correction Deadline: 12/1/2024****Prior Visits: 11/21/2024****Corrected on 8/4/2025**

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed all playground equipment was maintained and free of hazards as required on this date.

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024****Prior Visits: 11/21/2024****Corrected on 8/4/2025**

.15(3) - 591-1-1-.25(13) The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that infant bottles were clearly labeled with the individual child's name as required on this date.

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Correction Deadline: 11/26/2024****Prior Visits: 11/21/2024****Corrected on 8/4/2025**

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed completed documentation of routine drills conducted for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations as required on this date.

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**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the Director.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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.