



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/14/2025 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:35 AM **Departure:** 1:35 PM

CCLC-33581

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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.
05/14/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/15/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/18/2025	Incident 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	Dn 10 - 1st Lt-Toddler 2-1/2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Dn 5 - 1st Rt	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Dn 6 - 2nd Rt	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Dn 7 - 3rd Rt	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Dn 8 - 4th Rt	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Dn 9 - 2nd Lt	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Multipurpose		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	Up 1 - 1st Lt	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Up 2 - 2nd Lt	Infants and One Year Olds	3	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Up 3 - 2nd Rt	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	22	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Up 4 - 1st Rt After-School	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	24	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	UP Rm 11	One Year Olds	3	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Up room 12		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 190			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 139			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 190							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PLAYGROUND	96	C

Comments

The Consultant discussed rule 591-1-1-.25(13) regarding storage of items in the classroom. The Consultant referred to the Indicator Manual to implement best practices in the classroom.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

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

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2025

Corrected on 5/14/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed potentially hazardous equipment, materials, and supplies were stored in a locked area inaccessible to children as required. The Director indicated a locker system was installed and located in the hallway for Staff to store their belongings outside of the classroom and inaccessible to children as required.

Staffing and Supervision	
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591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2025

Corrected on 5/14/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed Staff provided direct supervision and watchful oversight to Children at all times including mealtimes and during transitions between activities. The Director indicated routine monitoring of classrooms were implemented by administrative Staff. The Director further indicated Staff meetings addressed best supervision practices for Staff such as scanning the room frequently and delegating classroom duties to ensure proper supervision is maintained at all times.