



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/7/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:50 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-22864

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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.
05/07/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/12/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/19/2024	Complaint Investigation & 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	Back Left-Rm D	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Back Middle-Rm C		0	0	C	11	C	16	C	Not In Use
Main	Back Right- Rm B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E	Five Year Olds and GA PreK	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Free Play
Main	First Right-Rm A	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 84			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 44		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 78			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 84					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Only	142	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Preonly)	5 years and older
2	9	6	10	2	12	1

Comments

The visit report was discussed and reviewed with the Owner/Director on site.

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.decal.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:

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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the back fence was measuring four feet in height as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2025

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 the following hazards were observed on Main (Only) playground:

-The green school bus located in the middle of the playground had visible chipping paint and had two wooden seats that were splinting.

-The red merry-go-around trike located in the back middle of the playground had visible rusting and had visible chipping paint with missing black caps around the handle 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: 5/20/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure to use the current School Transportation form as required.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 16	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #4 hired date on December 1, 2023, did not submit both a Records Check Application to Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The staff member #4 was observed to be in the classroom and supervising children on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will rules and regulations to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will review every staff files to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #4 hired date on December 1, 2023, did not have a current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file. The staff member #4 was observed to be in the classroom and supervising children on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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Correction Deadline: 5/7/2025

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Director provided 16 staff files for employees and one staff hired since the last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.