



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/15/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:40 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-12187

Fourth Street Day Care Center

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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.
07/15/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/07/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/11/2024	Monitoring Visit	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
Single	A - First Right	Infants	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Single	B 1st Left		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Single	C - 2nd Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Single	D - 2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	3	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Single	E - 3rd Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Single	F - 3rd Left	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Single	Far left - 1st rt.	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Single	G - Far 1st Left	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Single	H - Far 2nd Left		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Single	J - Far left 2nd rt.		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Single	K - Far Back Rm	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 218			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	playground	70	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	8	28	14	16	0	17

Comments

July 15, 2025--The corrections from previous citations were made.

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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2025

Prior Visits: 01/07/2025

Corrected on 7/15/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed lesson plans posted on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2025

Prior Visits: 01/07/2025

Corrected on 7/15/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the sink with the missing faucet was removed from the classroom.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Not Met

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 vent in the 3rd Left room was not operable and there was a strong odor present from diaper changes.

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: 7/15/2025

Prior Visits: 09/11/2024

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

Prior Visits: 08/23/2022

Corrected on 7/15/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that exposed bare limbs were not present and there were no weeds present on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2025

Prior Visits: 01/07/2025

Corrected on 7/15/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Sinks had heated water on this date.

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)

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed on this date. .

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2025

Prior Visits: 01/07/2025

Corrected on 7/15/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All staff were observed to have a Records Check Application that was submitted to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2025

Prior Visits: 01/07/2025

Corrected on 7/15/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that all staff had a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025

Prior Visits: 01/07/2025

Corrected on 7/15/2025

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the Director had current First Aid and CPR on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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This rule will be evaluated for the regulatory visit conducted in 2026. .

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed. Training, as listed above, for 2025 will be evaluated in 2026.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2025

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.