



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/22/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:50 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-84

Marietta Head Start/Pre-K

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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.
10/22/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/13/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/11/2024	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	A	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C	Four Year Olds	2	19	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H	GA PreK	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I	GA PreK	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	K		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 149

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Area A	12	C
Main	PG Area B	20	C
Main	PG Area C	64	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	63	79	19	5

Comments

Discussed new and updated rule requirements.

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/RuleAndRegulations.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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) - Discussed ensuring that plants in the classrooms and outdoor area are non-toxic. Additionally, discussed best practice in labeling the plants with their names and whether they are non-toxic. Provided poisonous plant resources.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

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 playground fence on the right side of the perimeter measured 3' 7". Additionally, a potential entrapment hazard was observed on the right side fence with a gap measuring 8" by 8" with prongs exposed.

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: 11/28/2025

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Comment**

The Center menu meets USDA guidelines. Additionally, the Center had documentation of caterer's information and a passing score of 97 from DPH.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(7) - Discussed ensuring that children under four-years-old are not served restricted items, such as raw carrots.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

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

The Center is not licensed for diapering. Children are ages three and up.

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

Observed proper handwashing and staff stated proper knowledge.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Observed appropriate storage and documentation for emergency medications.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Observed complete emergency drill log.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Observed fish in Pre-K classroom appropriately cared for.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. Staff stated that positive redirection is used as their discipline policy.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Center does not participate in any field trips.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The center does not provide care for children in cribs.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all staff.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)	Met
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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-.33 Staff Training	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(1) - Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(6) - Discussed ensuring that staff are uploading certificates for training into GaPDS if the certificates are not kept on file.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2025

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

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.