



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/6/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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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.
08/06/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/13/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
04/15/2025	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	GA PreK	2	15	C	28	C	39	C	Nap
Main	Back Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Front Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Flo or Play
Main	Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	17	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Right Front	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	28	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 108					
Total # Children this Date: 56			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 108				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Front Playground	10	C
Main	PG- Left Playground	76	C
Main	PG- Right Playground	37	C

Comments

The Consultant discussed the report and best practices with the Director on this date.

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.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:

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.state.ga.us 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 POI/Follow-Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2025

Prior Visits: 04/16/2024

Corrected on 8/6/2025

.12(2) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the equipment and furniture to be free of hazards throughout the Center such as but not limited to the sharp screw had been removed in the Back Right Classroom on this date.

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

N/A

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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2025

Prior Visits: 11/29/2023

Corrected on 8/6/2025

.26(4) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the fencing to have been repaired on the School-Age Playground and the Toddler Two playground on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the gate doors are secured and properly latched while children are present on the playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2025

Prior Visits: 11/29/2023

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 playground equipment were accessible to children:

Front Right Playground (Outside of the 1-year-old classroom):

- The the fabric on the umbrella located in the middle of the picnic table was torn causing the metal from the interior of the umbrella to be exposed.
- The plastic playhouse with a green roof was not in good repair with misses pieces.
- A large blue canopy umbrella was missing the base bottom of the umbrella stand causing the umbrella pole to be unstable.

Left Playground (Behind the front right playground and outside of the 2-year-old classroom door):

- A large blue canopy umbrella was missing the base bottom of the umbrella stand causing the umbrella pole to be unstable.

Left Playground (The middle playground and outside of the Middle Classroom door):

- Three large bolts protruding from the base of the lemonade stand with the blue covering.
- A large blue canopy umbrella was missing the base bottom of the umbrella stand causing the umbrella pole to be unstable.

Schoolage Playground (Behind the Infant Playground on the left side):

- A large blue canopy umbrella was missing the base bottom of the umbrella stand causing the umbrella pole to be unstable.

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: 8/29/2025

Prior Visits: 11/29/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

Front Left Infant Playground:

- The heating and cooling equipment that was located under a classroom window was accessible to children.

Left Playground (Behind the front right playground and outside of the 2-year-old classroom door):

- The heating and cooling equipment that was located under a classroom window was accessible to children.
- The back right corner of the cement area outside of the 2-year-old classroom door was raised causing a potential tripping hazard.

Schoolage Playground (Behind the Infant Playground on the left side):

- The heating and cooling equipment that was located under a classroom windows were accessible to children and the top right corner was not properly secured causing a sharp screw to be exposed.

Left Playground (the middle playground outside of the Middle Classroom):

- The heating and cooling equipment that was located under a classroom windows were accessible to children.

Left Playground (the playground outside of the Front Right Classroom)

- The heating and cooling equipment that was located under a classroom windows were accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2025

Prior Visits: 11/29/2023

Recited on 8/6/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/15/2025****Prior Visits: 04/15/2025****Corrected on 8/6/2025**

.17(7) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed proper handwashing through out the Center on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/15/2025**Prior Visits: 04/15/2025****Corrected on 8/6/2025**

.17(8) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed proper handwashing through out the Center on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025****Prior Visits: 04/03/2025****Corrected on 8/6/2025**

.11(1) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed proper disciplinary actions through out the Center 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.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that ten out of ten crib sheets were loose and not tight fitting as required and was in use with two sleeping infants in the Front Left Classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2025**Prior Visits: 11/29/2023****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 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2025

Prior Visits: 04/03/2025

Corrected on 8/6/2025
.31(13) - Previous citation

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.