



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/23/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:10 AM **Departure:** 10:00 AM

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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.
04/23/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/22/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/08/2024	Complaint Closure	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-1R-INF	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B-1L-INF-1		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-2R-1YR	One Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Free Play
Main	D-2L-1YR.		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-3R-3YRS.		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-4R-3YRS.	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	18	NC	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G-5R-4YRS.	GA PreK	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	H-6R-6-12 YRS.		0	0	C	20	C	29	C	
Main	I-3L-2YRS.		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	J-4L-2YRS.	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	K-5L-5-12 YRS.		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 198					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 198					
Total # Children this Date: 56					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 198					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 198					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1L	18	C
Main	1R	16	C
Main	2L	33	C

Main	2R	34	C
Main	3L	29	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	13	23	30	16	2	24

Comments

Plan developed 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.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@dec.al.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Corrected on 4/23/2025

.03(9) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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)

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.

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

Not Met

Comment

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

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 following items were in need of repair:

2nd Left:

restroom light was not working and ceiling tile in restroom was in need of being replaced due to stains

4th Left:

light covers on the restroom lights were missing and in need of being replaced in both restrooms

5th Left:

sheet rock was observed to be in need of repair due to a hole in under the bulletin board

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: 5/7/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed that the front Left playground concrete will need repaired due to loose concrete being exposed.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025

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 the front left and right gates had a gap approximately one inch, the pool gate had a gap approximately two inches and the back left fencing was not secured at the bottom and were all in need of repair due to entrapment hazards.

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: 4/23/2025

Food Service

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

Food Service and Nutrition Feeding of Infants and Children 591-1-1-.15(2)(g) The Consultant discussed with the Director that center Personnel shall ensure that children do not have excessive amounts of food in their mouths while eating and are chewing their food appropriately to prevent instances of choking. Children shall always be seated when eating and shall not be allowed to lie down or be put to sleep while food is present in their mouths.

Food Service and Nutrition Restrictions 591-1-1-.15(7) The Consultant discussed with the Director that food shall be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes, and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-20 Medications(CR) Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Comment

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that Room F had 10 four-year-old children and eight three-year-old children present with one staff member and a ratio of one staff member to 15 children should have been maintained.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in the 2nd Left Classroom one-year-old children was eating breakfast and the staff was not seated in they were observed to be walking around. It was further determined that in Room J two-year-old children were eating and one staff member was at the carpet area and the other was making a plate and standing while two children were eating breakfast.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025**Recited on 4/23/2025**