



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/20/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 7:50 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-50414**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                         |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 03/20/2025                         | Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit | Deficient     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/11/2025                         | TA Follow Up                            | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/30/2025                         | MV POI Follow Up                        | 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                            | A1-Infants     | Infants and One Year Olds                             | 2                             | 7        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast,Floor Play |
| Main                            | A2-1 year olds | One Year Olds                                         | 2                             | 9        | C    | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast,Free Play  |
| Main                            | A3-2 year olds | Two Year Olds                                         | 1                             | 6        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play            |
| Main                            | A4-3 year olds |                                                       | 0                             | 0        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           |                      |
| Main                            | A5-4 year olds | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 1                             | 12       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play            |
| Main                            | A6-4 year olds | GA PreK                                               | 1                             | 7        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers              |
| Main                            | A7-School Age  |                                                       | 0                             | 0        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           |                      |
| Main                            | B1-Infants     |                                                       | 0                             | 0        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |                      |
| Main                            | B2-1 year olds |                                                       | 0                             | 0        | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           |                      |
| Main                            | B3-2 year olds | Two Year Olds                                         | 1                             | 9        | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers              |
| Main                            | B4-2 year olds | Three Year Olds                                       | 1                             | 9        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers              |
| Main                            | B5-4 year olds | Three Year Olds                                       | 1                             | 8        | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers              |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217 |                |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 67  |                |                                                       | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                      |

| Building | Playground               | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | PA 1 3- 12 years         | 50                   | C                     |
| Main     | PA 1 Infant-2 years      | 23                   | C                     |
| Main     | PA 3 infants-2 year olds | 33                   | C                     |
| Main     | PA 4 3-12 year olds      | 47                   | C                     |
| Main     | PA 5- Back               | 21                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 6                 | 24      | 27      | 27      | 20      | 9                  | 34                |

#### Comments

A plan of improvement will need to be submitted through decal koala by April 3, 2025. The plan will need to include the date the citation was corrected, and how the rule will be maintained.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 04/03/2025

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](http://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](mailto: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

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that free standing wooden shelves in rooms A2, A3, A5, B2, B3, and B4 needed to be secured so they do not pose a falling hazard.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2025

Recited on 3/20/2025

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed cleaning restrooms as required in that several were observed to have toilet paper in the floors.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Consultant discussed a ceiling tile in the restroom of B3 needed to be changed due to stains.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed that plastic bags were accessible to children in care in Room's A5, B4 and B5 and need to remain inaccessible.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed to fluff/add mulch so that it is flush with the sidewalks and does not pose a tripping hazard to children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 3/30/2025**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025**

**Corrected on 3/20/2025**

.17(2) - Citation observed to be corrected. A child was observed to be instructed to clean their nose, and wash hands after on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025**

**Corrected on 3/20/2025**

.17(7) - Citation corrected. Hands were observed to be washed as required.

**Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025**

**Corrected on 3/20/2025**

.17(8) - Citation observed to be corrected. Staff were observed to wash hands as required.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

591-1-1-.36(4)(b)-Citation will be deferred until the next regulatory visit due to the buses listed being sent off to get the needed repairs.

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025**

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2025

Corrected on 3/20/2025

.30(4) - Citation observed to be corrected. Staff stated that sheets are washed weekly as required.

## 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-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

### Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

## Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Not Met

### 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 Room A1 children were observed to be eating, Two staff members were present, one was feeding a child with her back slightly turned from the other children, and one was labeling bottles. Four children were left eating without a staff member being fully able to provide watchful oversight. It was further determined in Room A2 a one-year-old child was eating a muffin and neither staff members were seated within arms length of the child but were walking around.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025