



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/7/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

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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.
01/07/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/06/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/21/2024	Incident Investigation & 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	1 board		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	142		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	145		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	147		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	149		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	175-3-5yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	176-16-21 yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	179-13-15yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use,Free Play
Main	180-10-12yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	183-6-9yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and GA PreK	2	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	184-3-5yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	187-3-5yr	GA PreK	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	191-2 yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	192-3-4yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	195-1-2yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
Main	196-6-12mth	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 262

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 50

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 262

Total Capacity @25 sq.
ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-0-3 yrs	38	C
Main	After School Playground	105	C
Main	B-4-17yrs	92	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
13	21	12	12	18	0	33

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and follow up on previous citation.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/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@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)

Met

Comment

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

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.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

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

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2025

Corrected on 1/7/2025

.07(4) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant reviewed written medical emergency seizure protocol for staff to follow during emergency treatment.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**

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**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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****Correction Deadline: 1/13/2025****Corrected on 1/7/2025****.32(7) - Previous citation corrected. The consultant observed adequate supervision in all classrooms and no cell phone usage by staff on this date.**