



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/22/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 7:20 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-17663

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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.
05/22/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/03/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/19/2024	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	1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1st Right		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Left		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Right	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	4th Left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Back Middle		0	0	C	25	C	34	C	
Main	Front Middle		0	0	C	32	C	45	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 162							
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 162							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back/Right Playground	162	C
Main	Left side playground	23	C
Main	Right Front Playground	28	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a follow-up visit and a complaint investigation.

An exit conference discussing the follow-up visit report was conducted with the director on this date. An email with the follow-up report was sent to the director for signature.

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@decal.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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

Not Met

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 the following:

Back Playground

- * Rust around the handles of the go-around seesaw
- * Rust on the top bars of the helicopter
- * Rust on the top bars of the school bus
- * Chipped paint on the grey jeep and both yellow buses.

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: 5/29/2025

Recited on 5/22/2025

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 the following:

Back Playground

- * Seven wasp nest located on the ceiling of the shelter and at both arches on the roof of the shelter. Three out of the seven were observed to be active with wasp on the nest.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove all wasp nest from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025

Recited on 5/22/2025

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that the center opens at 6:00 a.m., when consultant arrived at 7:20 a.m., two center staff were observed to be caring for thirteen children of the following ages:

One (1) child age one-year-old
Two (2) children age two-years-old
Two (2) children age three-years-old
Eight (8) children ages five to eight-years-old

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025