



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/22/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 11:55 AM

**CCLC-57570**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                  |               | <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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| 05/22/2025                         | MV POI Follow Up | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/15/2025                         | TA Follow Up     | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/26/2025                         | TA Follow Up     | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building                       | Room | Age Group                                                                                          | Staff                          | Children | NC/C                          | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes     |
|--------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Bldg.1                         | 1A   | Infants and One Year Olds                                                                          | 1                              | 6        | C                             | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play |
| Bldg.1                         | 1-B  |                                                                                                    | 0                              | 0        | C                             | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           |           |
|                                |      |                                                                                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 16 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |           |
| Bldg.2-A                       | 2-A  | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 2                              | 13       | NC                            | 18         | C            | 26         | C            | Art       |
|                                |      |                                                                                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |           |
| Total # Children this Date: 19 |      |                                                                                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |           |

| Building | Playground        | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bldg.1   | Bldg.1 Playground | 69                   | C                     |

**Comments**

An in person monitoring visit was conducted on May 22, 2025 with the director.

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.

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#### 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.

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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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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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**

**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.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024**

**Corrected on 5/22/2025**

Previous citation corrected. The arrival and departure times were documented on this date.

**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**

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

**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 blue horse and the blue dolphin located behind building A had chipped paint on the handles and middle section.

**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: 5/22/2025**

**Recited on 5/22/2025**

**Food Service**

## 591-1-1-.15 Food Service &amp; Nutrition

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

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.

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025**

**Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024**

**Corrected on 5/22/2025**

**Previous citation corrected. The current monthly menu was posted on this date.**

**Health and Hygiene**

## 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing pad in the infant room was torn in three areas.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025**

**Recited on 5/22/2025**

## 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.

**Policies and Procedures**

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Corrected on 5/22/2025

Previous citation corrected. The practice drills for was completed on this date.

**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)**

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**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. Infant safe sleep was discussed on this date.

**Staff Records****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Director provided files for four 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

**Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

**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 classroom in Building 2 had four two-year-olds mixed with three four-year-olds, one five-year-old, and one six-year-old.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025

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

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that children shall 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.

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025**