



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/19/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:10 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-49735

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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.
03/19/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/17/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/12/2022	Monitoring Visit	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 Buildin	A-Front Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	18	C	Centers
Main Buildin	B-Back Right	One Year Olds	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Buildin	C-Front back-School-age		0	0	C	2	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			21		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 26					
Total # Children this Date: 12			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 26					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	5	1	6	6	0	4

Comments

Licensing study, joint visit with LaToya Longshore

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.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 user id 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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected. All student files were reviewed as completed.

Facility

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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****Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024****Corrected on 3/19/2025****.25(9) - Previous citation corrected. No unauthorized persons were observed on the premises.****591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.26(4)- This rule was not able to be observed due to playground construction taking place at time of visit. This rule will be observed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024**Food Service**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that bottles were not labeled with the individual child's name in the back right classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025**Recited on 3/19/2025****Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024****Corrected on 3/19/2025****.15(5) - Previous citation corrected. Current menus were present during the visit.****Health and Hygiene**

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. It was determined based on observation in the back right classroom, three cribs were observed without safety approved compliance certificate on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a crib that is safety approved in compliance with CPSC and ASTM safety standards for each infant.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2025

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of staff records, Staff #1 was observed on premises caring for 8 children without a Satisfactory Comprehensive check determination letter on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will audit staff files to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will routinely check staff records to ensure the Comprehensive Records Check rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on review of staff records, Staff #1, Date of Birth April 22, 1974 was observed on premises with an expired Comprehensive Records Check on October 8, 2024

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will audit staff files to ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will routinely check staff records to ensure Comprehensive Records Check rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.33(4) - Previous citation corrected. Staff member responsible for preparing meals has the required training.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.33(5) - Previous citation corrected. All required staff training for 2024 were completed.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2024

Corrected on 3/19/2025

.32(4) - Previous citation corrected. Staff/child ratios were observed as required.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.