



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/16/2025 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:20 AM **Departure:** 11:20 AM

CCLC-58059

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Quality Rated: No

<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.
04/16/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/05/2025	POI Follow Up	Support	
02/04/2025	Licensing Study	Deficient	

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	A	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	TV,Nap,Floor Play
Main	C		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 27					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	3	C
Main	Right (Large)	12	C

Comments

Plan developed on this date.

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 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:

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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2025

.03(2) - Citation observed to be corrected as all lesson plans were current.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2025

.19(1) - Citation observed to be corrected as the classes had the appropriate number of children present to meet licensing capacity on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following items were accessible to children in care:

Room D:

two staff bags accessible to children in care located by the sink area

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2025

Recited on 4/16/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(2) requires the center to provide at least one hundred square feet of outside play space for each child using the space at one time. It was determined based on observation that the center playground was licensed for 12 children and had 19 children present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children using the space at one time.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2025

.10(4) - Citation observed to be corrected as all diapering pads meet requirements on this date.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have a record of a lockdown drill for the 2024/2025 year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2025

Recited on 4/16/2025

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2025

.33(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that orientation paperwork is completed on all staff prior to being placed in the classroom/

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2025

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Citation will be deferred until the first regulatory visit of 2026 as staff have until December 31, 2025 to complete annual training for the year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2025

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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 two-year-old class was housed with the three-year-old and older class on the center playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2025

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

Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Corrected on 4/16/2025

.32(7) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date.