



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/9/2025 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 11:45 AM

CCLC-46662
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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.
09/09/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/24/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/18/2025	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	LW-1L - Private Pre-K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	30	C	Centers
Main	LW-1R - Pre-K 1	GA PreK	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	LW-2L - Early 4	Four Year Olds	2	20	C	23	C	32	C	Centers
Main	LW-2R - Pre-K 2	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	LW-3L-Afterschool		0	0	C	17	C	23	C	Outside
Main	LW-3R - Pre-K 3	GA PreK	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW - 2L - Infant 2	Infants	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	RW - 3L - Private-Pre-K 4	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	RW-1L - Infant 1	Infants	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	RW-1R - Toddler 1	One Year Olds	3	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	RW-2R-Toddler 2	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	RW-3R-Toddler 2-1/2	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	RW-4L - Preschool 3	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295					
Total # Children this Date: 163		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	6	C

Main	Preschool-School-Age Playground	251	C
Main	Right Back - Two-Year-Old	42	C
Main	Right Front - One-Year-Old	19	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
20	16	30	37	91	0	23

Comments

The Consultant and Provider discussed the visit and best practices.

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.decgal.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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the exhaust fans in the children's bathrooms are properly maintained and free of dust.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2025

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the barrier around the vents of the cooling equipment is properly and does not pose as a potential hazard on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the outdoor play equipment accessible to children is in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed 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)

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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: 2/25/2025

Corrected on 9/9/2025

.32(7) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed appropriate supervision through out the Center specifically in classrooms RW 1R and RW 2R on this date. Staff were observed conducting two head counts of the children as they were entering the classroom from the playground in classroom RW 1R. The Staff in classroom RW 2R were also observed conducting two head count as the children were holding onto a line rope when the class entered into the classroom from the playground .

