



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/13/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:35 AM **Departure:** 1:10 PM

CCLC-31420

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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.
08/13/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/31/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/09/2023	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	1L LULLABY LANE	Infants	2	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding
Main	1R SWEET STREET	One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	2L ROCK-A-BYE RD	Infants	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2R TREASURE TRAIL	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	3L FUN FREEWAY	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	3R HAPPY HIGHWAY	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioning
Main	4L PLAYFUL PARKWAY	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Art
Main	4R ADVENTURE AVENUE	Four Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	6R CURIOUS CORNER	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	BACK LFT ACTIVE ALLEY	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	MID FRONT DISCOVERY DRIVE	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Diapering
Main	REAR MID WONDER WAY	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	18	C	25	C	Outside,Transitioning,Snack

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 195	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 195
Total # Children this Date: 145	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 195	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 195

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	2ND RT	72	C
Main	FRNT LFT	18	C
Main	FRNT RT	45	C
Main	REAR LFT	28	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
15	27	37	39	49	0	1

Comments

Discussed Rules changes effective July 1, 2025.

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 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:

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 LS:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 33

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2011

"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 on this date.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 33

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2011

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2011

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Food Service

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2011

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2011

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**Records Reviewed: 33****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2011

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety**Records Reviewed: 33****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2011

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2011

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2)(a) - Discussed that the lighting needs to be adequate to see each sleeping infant's face to view the color of the infant's skin and check on the infant's breathing. .

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025**Staff Records**

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2011

"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)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that Staff #18, with date of hire July 26, 2011 had a Satisfactory Comprehensive Background Check determination that expired on December 14, 2024. Staff was observed in room 1L Lullaby Lane to care for children on the day of the visit. There was no new Application submitted for Background Check.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as 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 ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025**Prior Visits: 06/02/2023****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 records that Staff #18, with date of hire July 26, 2011 had a Satisfactory Comprehensive Background Check determination that expired on December 14, 2024. Staff was observed in room 1L Lullaby Lane to care for children on the day of the visit.

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591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2024.

Discussed that the Health and Safety Orientation training can count towards annual training only once every five years.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 33**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2011

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

591-1-1-.32(1) - Discussed maintaining appropriate ratios when outside at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025

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

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