



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/2/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-25589

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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.
06/02/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/29/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/31/2024	Complaint Closure	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	A-Infants-1st Rt	Infants	2	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Main	B- 2nd Rt-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C- 3rd Rt- 1 y/o	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D- 4th Rt- 1 y/o	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E-5th Rt- 2 y/o	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F-6th Right-2 y/o	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G-1st Left- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	H- 2nd Lft- 3 y/o	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	I- 3rd Lft-4 y/o	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	J-Back Hall-4 y/o	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	K-Back Hall-5 y/o	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	L-Back Hall-6y/o	Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	M-Back Hall-End-7+	Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	N-Cafeteria-5-12y/o		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Infant - 2 year playground	55	C
Main	B: 3-4 Year Old Playground	23	C
Main	Back Playground	48	C
Main	C: School Age Playground	47	C
Main	Front Paved Playground	7	C
Main	Left Playground	19	C
Main	Right Playground	44	C

Comments

06-02-25: The purpose of today's visit was to conduct an investigative site visit and follow up on previous citations.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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:

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@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 Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 32

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 28

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2025

Corrected on 6/2/2025

.15(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that all bottles and sippy cups were labeled with each child's full name.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 32

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 28

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2020

"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 that Staff #28 did not have a valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file. Staff #28 was supervising 16 school aged children on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will 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 ensure the CRC rules are maintained. The Staff member was immediately escorted out of the center.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2025

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 that Staff #28 did not have a valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file. Staff #28 was supervising 16 school aged children on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will 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 ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2025