



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/15/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-487
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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/15/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/06/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/04/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 1	1L 2 years	One Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	1R 4 year olds	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 1	2L Infants	Infants	2	8	C	27	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Building 1	2R 2-3 years	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 1	3L 1 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Building 1	Dining		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	Middle left 1-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Building 1	Middle right	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Building 2	1L School Age	GA PreK	2	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 2	1R 4-5 years old	GA PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 104			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Playground A infants /twos	42	C

Building 1	Playground B	79	C
Building 2	Playground C	60	C
Building 2	Playground D-small left side	5	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	13	25	12	51	10	0

Comments

Reminders:

Please ensure to follow the new rules and regulations for CCLC:

- All center staff must have 2 hours of Language and Literacy training included in their annual training (10 hours).
- All students-in-training, volunteers, and independent contractors receive the Documentation of Orientation training.
- New hires have 45 days to receive CPR/First Aid training.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a CI/MV:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.03(3) - Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.12 - A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.12 - Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

591-1-1-.35 - Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.06 - Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.19 - Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.25 - No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.25 - The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

591-1-1-.26 - Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10 - Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

591-1-1-.17 - Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.17 - Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

591-1-1-.20 - The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

591-1-1-.05 - Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

591-1-1-.11 - Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

591-1-1-.11 - Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

591-1-1-.13 - Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

591-1-1-.36 - Center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Comment

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

591-1-1-.30 - Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

591-1-1-.30 - 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.

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

591-1-1-.09(1) - Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2024

Prior Visits: 11/06/2024

Corrected on 8/15/2025

.09(1)(g) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The Consultant observed staff member #1, date of hire, July 10, 2019, had evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter in their file.

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

591-1-1-.14 - Evidence observed of 90% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

591-1-1-.33 - Documentation observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 11/6/2024

Prior Visits: 11/06/2024

Corrected on 8/15/2025

.31(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The Consultant observed staff member #1, date of hire, July 10, 2019, had evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter in their file.

Staffing and Supervision

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

591-1-1-.32 - Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

591-1-1-.32 - Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.