



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/11/2025 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:45 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-63194

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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.
08/11/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/23/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/21/2025	Complaint 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
Building 1	2nd back Two's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Building 1	Front 1st Right Preschool		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	Not In Use
Building 1	Middle Hall 2nd Left 3 yrs	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play, Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			42		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134					
New Building	1st Left- Office		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
New Building	1st Right	GA PreK	1	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music, Free Play
New Building	2nd Left(4-5 year olds)		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
New Building	2nd Right (Elementary Room)	Five Year Olds	2	5	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			86		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134					
Total # Children this Date: 33			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 134					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
New Building	School Age PG	39	C
New Building	Toddler PG	56	C

Comments

Discussed the time frame for repaired fence with the Director.

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@decgal.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 MV POI/Follow-Up:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observations in 2nd Right (Elementary Room) that the green child size couch and chair leather material was peeling and not in good repair as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2025

Prior Visits: 06/06/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observations that the lamp in 2nd Right (Elementary Room) was not secured on the desk as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2025

Prior Visits: 02/03/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025**Prior Visits: 02/03/2025****Corrected on 8/11/2025****.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There were no hazards observed accessible to children in The New Building Elementary Room on this date.****591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025**Prior Visits: 02/03/2025****Corrected on 8/11/2025****.26(8) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There was six inches of mulch measured in all fall zones and exposed tree roots were painted as required.****Health and Hygiene**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.16(f)- An amendment was currently in process to increase/decrease rooms as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025**Prior Visits: 02/03/2025****Safety****Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2024

"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****Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025****Prior Visits: 05/21/2025****Corrected on 8/11/2025****.11(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. A positive learning environment and redirection was observed 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)**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025

Prior Visits: 05/21/2025

Corrected on 8/11/2025

.30(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There were no infants sleeping on their stomachs with blankets wrapped around them in the cribs in Building 1 Middle Hall 2nd Left and all infants were sleeping in a safety approved crib as required.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2) - Consultant discussed with Staff to ensure that infants are placed on their backs for sleeping as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2025

Prior Visits: 05/21/2025

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2024

"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 based on a review of records that Staff #3 Comprehensive Records Check Determination expired on July 03, 2020 and was observed supervising children in the Elementary Room 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.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2025

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 based on a observations that Staff #3 Comprehensive Records Check Determination expired on July 03, 2020 and was observed supervising children in the Elementary Room 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: 8/11/2025

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

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

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

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2025

Prior Visits: 05/21/2025

Corrected on 8/11/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There was adequate supervision observed in Building 1 and New Building on this date.