



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/29/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:40 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-57709

Cherished Memories Childcare Center

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Same

Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
01/29/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/28/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	
12/19/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	1st Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd Right	Infants	1	2	C	4	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap
Main	C	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Middle Room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Art

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 61

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 27

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	38	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	5	10	7	10	0	12

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and a complaint investigation.

Children and staff files, transportation records, emergency drills and other required documents were available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the monitoring report was conducted with the assistant director on this date. An email with the monitoring report was sent to the provider for signature on this date.

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 1 855-800-7747 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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.08(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Five out of five children's files were observed to be completed entirely.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be 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.

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.26(9)-This citation was deferred due to the surfacing that was placed has washed away. Provider is going to spray paint, showing that there is a step for them.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2024

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.21(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Provider conducted fire drills for the remaining months (September, October, November and December) of 2024.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.36(3)(a-b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center director and all staff that participate with transportation had the two hour transportation training on file for the consultant to review.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.36(4)(f)1. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed proper car restraints for children under the age of eight-years-old on the van.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.36(7)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All children transported were observed to have their full names listed on the transportation logs.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.36(7)(b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Based on review of transportation records, all children that were transported had a vehicle emergency medical forms on file.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.36(7)(c)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected. Based on transportation records for the week of January 6-10, January 13-17 and January 20-24, all children that were transported had a mark for loading and unloading for each morning and afternoon routes to all locations.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.36(7)(c)3. - This citation was observed to be corrected. Based on transportation records for the week of January 6-10, January 13-17 and January 20-24, departure and arrival times and loaded/unloaded times were documented for each morning and afternoon routes to all locations.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.36(7)(d)1. - This citation was observed to be corrected. Based on transportation records for the week of January 6-10, January 13-17 and January 20-24, a first check was conducted during each morning and afternoon routes to and from all locations.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected. Based on transportation records for the week of January 6-10, January 13-17 and January 20-24, a second check was conducted during each morning and afternoon routes to and from all locations.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff and third party who conduct transportation were observed to have a current satisfactory comprehensive records check determination on file for the consultant to review.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.09(1)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff and third party who conduct transportation were observed to have a current satisfactory comprehensive records check determination on file for the consultant to review.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.14(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. It was determined based on a review of records that six out of ten staff members had first aid and CPR.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2024

Corrected on 1/29/2025

.14(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected. All staff had CPR and First Aid certification except for staff members #2, #7, #9 and #10 that are still within their 90 days of employment.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that the director had not completed the required food service training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2025

Recited on 1/29/2025

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****Comment**

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