



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/1/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:35 AM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-52348

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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.
05/01/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/25/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/06/2023	Monitoring Visit	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-5th Left		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-4th Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C-3rd Left	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D-2nd Left	Infants	2	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E- 1st Left	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G- 1st Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H- 2nd Right		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Front	42	C
Main	Playground B-back	99	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	12	8	8	13	0	16

Comments

The Consultant discussed and reviewed the visit report 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.decal.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:

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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2024

Corrected on 5/1/2025

.25(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the wall behind the toilet was repaired with a new back splash to prevent the wall paint from peeling between classrooms Main D-2nd Left and Main E-1st Left.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure the Main Playground B-back play structure was free of rust and the steps with rubber covering were in good repair as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the resilient surface was fluffed and redistributed as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation there was standing water near the entrance door to the playground, coming from the air conditioning unit.

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: 5/9/2025

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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

Corrected on 5/1/2025

.30(2)(c) - This citation was corrected on this date. Based on discussions with the staff members, when an infant falls asleep when not in a safety-approved piece of sleeping equipment, they are moved to a safety-approved crib, as required.

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

Director provided 14 staff files for employees and there were four new staff hired since the last visit.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

Corrected on 5/1/2025

.33(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that all newly hired staff had completed the Initial Center orientation training prior to the assignment of task or children as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2025

Corrected on 5/1/2025

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Based on a review of documentation, staff had completed the annual ten (10) clock hours of diverse training for the year 2024 as required.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure a Staff member is seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger during mealtimes.