



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/27/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-970**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                                            |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/27/2025                  | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/23/2025                  | TA Follow Up                               | NA            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/15/2025                  | Complaint Closure                          | Deficient     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building                        | Room                  | Age Group                          | Staff                           | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes      |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Bldg 1                          | 1st Left              | One Year Olds                      | 1                               | 8        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Bldg 1                          | 1st Right             |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Bldg 1                          | 2nd Left              | Two Year Olds                      | 2                               | 13       | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Bldg 1                          | 2nd Right             | Infants and One Year Olds          | 1                               | 6        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Bldg 1                          | 3rd Left              |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           |            |
| Bldg 1                          | 3rd Right             |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Bldg 1                          | 4th Left( Back)       |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 23         | C            | 33         | C            |            |
| Bldg 1                          | 4th Right             |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Bldg 1                          | 5th Right (back)      | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                               | 13       | C    | 20         | C            | 28         | C            | Nap        |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144 |                       |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |
| Bldg 2                          | Bottom Level Left     |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 47         | C            | 65         | C            | Not In Use |
| Bldg 2                          | Bottom Level Right    |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 26         | C            | 37         | C            | Not In Use |
| Bldg 2                          | Left side 1st Right   | GA PreK                            | 2                               | 17       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Bldg 2                          | Left side 2nd Right   | GA PreK                            | 1                               | 15       | C    | 21         | C            | 30         | C            | Nap        |
| Bldg 2                          | Right side back       |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 2          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Bldg 2                          | Right side Front Room |                                    | 0                               | 0        | C    | 9          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125 |                       |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 72  |                       |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 269 |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |
|                                 |                       |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0   |          |      |            |              |            |              |            |

| Building | Playground          | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bldg 1   | Back 3-12 yrs       | 75                   | C                     |
| Bldg 1   | Left Front 2yr      | 36                   | C                     |
| Bldg 1   | Right Back 1yr      | 13                   | C                     |
| Bldg 1   | Right Front Infants | 15                   | C                     |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 6                 | 8       | 13      | 14      | 17      | 15                 | 0                 |

#### Comments

The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions.

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.al.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](http://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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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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

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

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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 on this date.

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) Not Evaluated

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records**

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 25

Not Met

"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)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #25 did not submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review records checks periodically to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as 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 review records check requirements to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 10/27/2025**

**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 #25 did not have 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 as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review records checks for all Staff 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. 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 review records check requirements to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:**

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/15/2025**

**Corrected on 10/27/2025**

**.32(7) - This citation was corrected on this date. Adequate supervision was observed.**