



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/6/2025 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 3:10 PM

CCLC-23065

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/06/2025	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/10/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/06/2023	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
Main	A- 1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap, Floor Play
Main	B-2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-3rd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- 4th Left	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E- 5th Left	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-6th Left	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G- 3rd Right/Back	GA PreK	2	16	C	30	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	H-2nd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I- 1st Right	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J - Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lu nch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 97		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side B PG	32	C
Main	Right Side A PG	29	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
7	13	16	23	26	27	25

Comments

The report was reviewed and emailed to the director.

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.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 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 855-800-7747 or 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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2025

.03(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate materials in Rooms B and C.

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

Met

Comment

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

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.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2024**Corrected on 5/6/2025****.15(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The food and menu observed met compliance.**

Health and Hygiene

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2024**Corrected on 5/6/2025****.36(4)(d) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The heating and cooling system on vehicles used were in good repair.****Correction Deadline: 12/6/2023****Corrected on 5/6/2025****.36(4)(f)1. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The safety belt was observed to be in good repair.**

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024**Corrected on 5/6/2025****.30(1)(b)1 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The consultant observed mats and cots to be in good repair.**

Staff Records

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit.

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.