



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/2/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 8:10 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

**CCLC-49557**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                   |               | <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. |
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| 12/02/2024                         | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 06/04/2024                         | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/15/2022                         | Complaint Closure | 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                |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|
| B-Behind A Left                | B-3 (Pre-K 5)             | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                  | 1                             | 5        | C    | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play            |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22 |                           |                                                     | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                      |
| C-Back Left Bldg               | Front Room- Infants       |                                                     | 0                             | 0        | C    | 7          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use           |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 7  |                           |                                                     | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                      |
| D-Middle Bldg                  | Downstairs -2's           | Two Year Olds                                       | 1                             | 8        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Diapering, Free Play |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 11 |                           |                                                     | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                      |
| E-Back Right                   | #11                       | GA PreK                                             | 2                             | 14       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play            |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 20 |                           |                                                     | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                      |
| F-Back Right                   | #12- Upstairs (Pre-K 2)   | GA PreK                                             | 2                             | 11       | C    | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play            |
| F-Back Right                   | Back-Downstairs( Pre-K 3) | GA PreK                                             | 2                             | 19       | C    | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play            |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44 |                           |                                                     | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                      |
| G                              | 14-BL Bldg-Head Start     | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2                             | 19       | C    | 30         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play           |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 30 |                           |                                                     | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                      |

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| Main                            | A-1 (Mid Left) Infants   | Infants                            | 1                               | 4  | C                             | 6                             | C | NA | NA | Diapering, Floor Play |
| Main                            | A-2 (Front Left) 3's     | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                               | 10 | C                             | 22                            | C | NA | NA | Breakfast             |
| Main                            | A-3 (Back Right) 2's     | One Year Olds                      | 2                               | 10 | C                             | 11                            | C | NA | NA | Free Play             |
| Main                            | A5-Middle Right Rm (1's) | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 1                               | 8  | C                             | 9                             | C | NA | NA | Free Play             |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48  |                          |                                    |                                 |    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |                               |   |    |    |                       |
| Total # Children this Date: 108 |                          |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182 |    |                               | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |   |    |    |                       |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 11                | 9       | 26      | 30      | 50      | 5                  | 0                 |

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/02/2024

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](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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**(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.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined by consultant's observation in room B3 and F2 the bathroom ventilation was not working properly.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

**Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024**

**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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined by consultant's observation in room F2 on the left side near the front door part of the ceiling was missing posing a hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**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.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined by consultant's observation in room D the child's hands were not washed after diapering.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 12/2/2024**

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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| <b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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| <b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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| <b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.