



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/29/2025 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Follow Up Arrival: 9:45 AM Departure: 4:30 PM

CCLC-25589

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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.
05/29/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/31/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/09/2024	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	A-Infants-1st Rt	Infants	1	2	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- 2nd Rt-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C- 3rd Rt- 1 y/o	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	D- 4th Rt- 1 y/o	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E-5th Rt- 2 y/o	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F-6th Right-2 y/o	Three Year Olds	3	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	G-1st Left- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H- 2nd Lft- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	I- 3rd Lft-4 y/o	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	J-Back Hall-4 y/o		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	K-Back Hall-5 y/o	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	L-Back Hall-6y/o	Five Year Olds	2	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	M-Back Hall-End-7+	Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	N-Cafeteria-5-12y/o		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 114			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 253			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Infant - 2 year playground	55	C
Main	B: 3-4 Year Old Playground	23	C
Main	Back Playground	48	C
Main	C: School Age Playground	47	C
Main	Front Paved Playground	7	C
Main	Left Playground	19	C
Main	Right Playground	44	C

Comments

052925: The purpose of today's visit was to conduct an investigative site visit and follow up on previous citations.

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 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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Corrected on 5/29/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe any diaper wipes or plastic Ziploc bags in the cubbies within the classrooms or in the storage container within the bathrooms.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Corrected on 5/29/2025

.25(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that there were no unused electrical outlets or uncovered outlets accessible to the children.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation seven bottles were not labeled with the child's full name and two were not labeled.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2025

Recited on 5/29/2025

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Corrected on 5/29/2025

.15(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the center has the allergy list of the children to ensure that all dietary restrictions are met.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024****Corrected on 5/29/2025**

.29(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant spoke with the provider to ensure that all reporting requirements are met within the required guidelines.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024****Corrected on 5/29/2025**

.30(1)(d) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the cribs and mats were placed within the guidelines.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024****Corrected on 5/29/2025**

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that all staff members had the required Satisfactory CBC on file with the Department.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024**Corrected on 5/29/2025**

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that all staff members had the required Satisfactory CBC on file with the Department.