



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/22/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:05 PM **Departure:** 4:50 PM

CCLC-24644

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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.
04/22/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/27/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/19/2024	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
I	Room A	Infants and One Year Olds	3	12	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Nap
I	Room B	One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	Room C	Two Year Olds	1	13	NC	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	Room D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	Room E	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	Room F		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
I	Room G		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 58		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
I	Playground	33	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	8	14	19	8	0	16

Comments

An in person monitoring visit was conducted on this date.

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 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 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.

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

N/A

Comment

The Director stated the Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

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

Not Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that 12 children were present for care in Building I Room A when there can only be 10 children present to meet 35 square feet of space per child as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024

Corrected on 4/22/2025

.25(13) - This citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed wipes and plastic bags stored out of reach of children and no other hazardous equipment was accessible to children.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024

Corrected on 4/22/2025

.15(7) - This citation was corrected on this date. Based on a review of the Center's menus and a conversation with the Director, the Center no longer serves mini corn dogs or other foods associated with children's choking incidents.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing pad in Room C had two one-inch tears and the surface was no longer nonporous as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024

Corrected on 4/22/2025

.17(8) - This citation was corrected on this date. Based on conversations with the Consultant, Staff stated proper times of day the children and staff wash their hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Director stated the Center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2025

Corrected on 4/22/2025

.30(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. The consultant did not observe any infants to be sleeping in cribs with other objects in the crib.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation in Room A, when the consultant arrived and when she visited the classroom twenty minutes later, two 4-month-old infants were asleep in bouncy seats with blankets and one 1-year-old child was asleep in a car seat with a blanket.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2025

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024

Corrected on 4/22/2025

.09(1)(a) - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed that all staff had submitted for both Fingerprints and Records Check Applications to a Fingerprinting Site and to the Department as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2024

Corrected on 4/22/2025

.09(1)(c) - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed that all staff had a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2025

Corrected on 4/22/2025

.33(5) - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed that all staff members completed 10 clock hours of diverse training in 2024 as required.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that when the Consultant arrived a ratio of 1:13 was present in Room C, consisting of eight 2-year-old children and five 3-year-old children. A second staff person was needed to meet the minimum ratio of 1:10 for 2-year-old children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2025

Recited on 4/22/2025

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.