



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/20/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:05 AM **Departure:** 3:40 PM

CCLC-889

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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.
05/20/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/20/2025	Complaint Closure	Support	
05/09/2025	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
Main	1st Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Back Left	GA PreK	1	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Back Right	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			133		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 63			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	74	C
Main	Back Playground	74	C
Main	Right Front Playground	16	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	15	19	18	21	15	28

Comments

A Complaint Investigation and a Monitoring Visit was conducted. New staff files were reviewed. A copy of the report was emailed to the director.

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 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)

Met

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

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2025

.25(8) - Previous citation corrected based on observation there were no hanging cords accessible to children in the 1st Left and Middle classrooms.

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26(4) -The Consultant discussed with the Director that the fence gate to the garden area shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2025

Comment

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that all riding toys on the large playground are in good condition.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with staff members on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

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

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Director provided [2] file(s) 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**

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2025

.32(4) - Previous citation corrected in that based on observation younger children were housed in a separate physical areas from older children during the visit.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Facility

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

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2025

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected in that no potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies were observed during the visit.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2025

.29(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date, in that all required reports were submitted as of this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2025

Corrected on 5/20/2025

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to have been corrected, in that supervision was adequate on this date.