



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/20/2025 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:50 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-11149
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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.
08/20/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/09/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/09/2025	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	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	Room 1-A	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	18	C	Free Play
Main	Room 2 - B		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	
Main	Room 3 - C		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	
Main	Room 4 - D		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 5 - E		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			79		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		98			
Total # Children this Date: 5			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		98			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	74	C
Main	Toddler Playground	16	C

Comments

Repeat citations were left with the center on this date. A Plan of Improvement needs to be submitted. The Consultant will contact Koala support to create the POI.

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:

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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2025

Corrected on 8/20/2025

The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The television was mounted to the wall.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2025

Corrected on 8/20/2025

The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The emergency contacts were added to the children's files previously cited.

Facility

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2025

Corrected on 8/20/2025

The previous citation observed corrected on this date. There were no hazards accessible to children.

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 based on observation that the following areas needed repair and posed a health and safety hazard to children:

Room 1 - A

- One ceiling tile in the Library area had a stain.

Room 2 - B

- The skylight window at the back left area of the room had peeling plaster around the outside perimeter and on the inside. On the inside was exposed wood that had black stains.

- Two stained tiles at the back of the skylight.

- Two stained tiles over the window on the right side of the room near the entrance.

Room 3 - C

- The left side of the room on the green wall near the hanging hooks was peeling paint.

- The back green wall had peeling paint.

- On three ceiling vents and the tiles around the vents were dust.

The hallway of Room 4 - D and Room 5 - E

- There was one ceiling tile with stains.

Boys' bathroom near Room 4 - D and Room 5 - E

- Had black mold on the outside of the door.

The second room off of the left side of the front entrance.

- The window at the back of the left side of the room had peeling paint and black mold on the top right side.

One the bottom left side was peeling paint.

- One stained tile over the window at the back of the left side of the room.

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.,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: 8/27/2025

Recited on 8/20/2025

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2025

Corrected on 8/20/2025

The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The closet door was locked.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2025

Corrected on 8/20/2025

The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The electrical outlet had a protective cap.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2025

Corrected on 8/20/2025

The previous citation observed corrected on this date. Both fence latches were repaired and locked.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that there was a black house hanging from the top of the roof at the back of the building on the playground that was leaking water from the roof down to the ground causing standing water on the ground. This posed a strangulation and drowning hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2025

Food Service

Finding

591-1-1-.18(5) requires the refrigeration of all perishable and potentially hazardous foods at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. It was determined based on observation that the white refrigerator with one long door on the left side of the kitchen thermometer read 53 degrees Fahrenheit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will refrigerate foods as required, will train Staff on proper refrigerator and freezer temperature settings and monitor the settings. Food will be served promptly after cooking.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2025

Recited on 8/20/2025

		Organization
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591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director submitting an amendment for the second room off of the left side of the front entrance to be used as special use.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2025

		Policies and Procedures
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591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2025

Corrected on 8/20/2025

The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The emergency telephone numbers, names of people responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence, and a no smoking sign were posted.