



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/26/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:05 AM **Departure:** 3:25 PM

**CCLC-65416**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| 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. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 02/26/2025                  | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                          |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |

**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                          | I-R Kellen 3-5 year olds               |           | 0                           | 0        | C    | 8                           | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | 1-Back Gracilynn Station Infant & Ones |           | 0                           | 0        | C    | 10                          | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | 1L Kaiden/Ava Station 2 year old       |           | 0                           | 0        | C    | 12                          | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                          | Counsel Room                           |           | 0                           | 0        | C    | 0                           | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:   |                                        |           | 30                          |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: |              |            | 0            |       |
| Total # Children this Date: 0 |                                        |           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: |              |            | 0            |       |

| Building | Playground      | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Main Playground | 20                   | C                     |

**Comments**

An initial licensing visit was held today and authorization to operate was not granted. The center has several areas and citations that need correction prior to the center receiving their license. Once photos of those items are approved the center will receive their license.

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.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.

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#### 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 user id 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.

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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@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.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 Initial Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Consultant discussed with the provider the need to repair or replace diaper changing table as it had chipped paint on the arm and side.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2025**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The consultant advised the provider to please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

**Comment**

The consultant advised the provider to check all ventilation in all bathrooms to ensure they are all operable.

**Correction Deadline: 3/28/2025**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Authorization to operate was not granted on this date. The overall license capacity is 30 and an ILS/PTO was granted while the provider provides an updated CDA for the Director, a sink in the two year old classroom and a fence surrounding the playground will be needed in order for the provider to receive their Final Renewable License.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(15) requires that any outside storage or equipment area be locked, separated from the children by a barrier or enclosure, and shall not be accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the shed outside next to the playground had space behind it that was accessible to the children. Also the right side of the building had an opening exposing the air conditioner unit and it was accessible to the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center Staff will routinely check outside storage or equipment areas to ensure they are locked or otherwise inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 3/12/2025**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider that a shade structure was required on the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 3/28/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the playground didn't have a fence enclosing the playground protecting children from traffic or hazards.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 3/25/2025**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The consultant advised the Provider to ensure that the refrigerator and freezer in both the kitchen and infant room have thermometers.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2025**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Technical Assistance**

Provider was advised by consultant to add ventilation to the diapering area in the two year old room.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation that the two year old classroom was without a sink adjacent to the diaper changing table.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that a hand washing sink is located adjacent to each diapering area, that flush sinks are not used for handwashing, and that the department has approved cleansing procedures in other facilities, if applicable.

**Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025**

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication the consultant discussed medication documentation, administration, and storage.

**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

The consultant discussed with the provider the importance posting all posted notices on a board at the entrance of the center including, emergency plans, persons responsible for administration, current weeks menu and snacks, statement requiring visitors to check in , and no liability insurance.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2025**

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the owner on this date.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

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

Six(6) of six (6) cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2011. Center requests to keep the capacity at the maximum capacity in the event of an overflow. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the Owner during the inspection visit.

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

Five (5) of five (5) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on observation that the Director's CDA expired on 2/9/2025 and an updated one is needed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

**Correction Deadline: 3/26/2025**

**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the owner on this date.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the owner on this date.