



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/8/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:40 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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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.
01/08/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/19/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/03/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
			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.

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	1L Infant	Infants	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1R Preschool 1	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	2L Beginners	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	2R Preschool 2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	24	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3L Toddlers	One Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3R Preschol 3		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	4R Pre-Kgtn	GA PreK	2	19	C	26	C	36	C	Clean Up, Transitioning
Main	5R Schoolage	GA PreK	2	19	C	36	C	50	C	Clean Up, Centers
Main	Cafeteria	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	41	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 226					
Total # Children this Date: 134					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 226					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler LS	18	C

Main	Preschool Right Side	57	C
Main	School Age/Back Middle	61	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	27	21	39	40	0	39

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Consultant discussed DECAL vendor change for criminal records check.

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:

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@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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2024

Corrected on 1/8/2025

.12(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant discussed with director to check furniture and equipment for normal wear and tear, repair or replace if needed.

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

N/A

Comment

Per director the center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Classroom 3L - A razor was on the edge of the children's handwashing sink in the toddler restroom. (Staff immediately removed razor)

- Classroom 3R - 11 packets of wipes were stored in children's cubby. All wipes were labeled "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN".

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POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. Consultant also discussed with director to ensure that staff conduct a environmental safety check before children enter the room.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Ensure to check ceiling tiles for any stains, check for leaks and repair if needed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Per director the school flooded over the holiday break, consultant discussed with the director to ensure conduct routine spot check to check signs or indication of any present or active leaks (i.e., stains, etc).

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(14) - Ensure to check for facility for dimly lighted areas, repair or replace as needed.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2025

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

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint,etc.).
- Check to ensure all outlets are covered
- Monitor resilient surface for normal wear and tear, repair as needed.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

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 an observation, there was a hole forming under the slide of the first brown and green play structure on the Preschool playground measuring one foot long in length and seven inches in width posing a potential entrapment 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 equipment for any hazards (i.e., construction, installation, and use). The director stated the area will be cautioned off to ensure no children play on the structure until the hole is filled. Consultant discussed implementing a playground checklist. Consultant emailed playground checklist during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2025

Recited on 1/8/2025

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Consultant observed center menu posted. Center menu met USDA guidelines on this date.

Comment

Consultant observed infant feeding forms updated and on file on this date.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears well organized. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers labeled with the name of the food content and date.

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.07(5) - Please ensure to prevent possible strangulation prohibit the use of children wearing hazardous items around their necks. Consultant discussed with director if children must wear jewelry (e.g., due to religious reasons, etc.), advise parents that these items should be worn around children's wrists or ankles and not around their necks. Necklaces pose a strangulation hazard and a choking hazard (if the necklace breaks and a child swallows the charm(s))

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

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

Not Met

Comment

Consultant observed diapering procedures posted in diapering area on this date. Please ensure to monitor the normal wear and tear of the diaper changing pad and dirt build-up underneath the diaper changing pad.

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 an observation the diaper changing surface in classroom 1R had cracked and exposed wood posing a safety hazard.

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.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Per director the center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Per owner 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.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

Consultant observed a current vehicle inspection conducted on June 12, 2024 for the following vehicles used in transporting children this date;

-Vehicle tag # BPF1226

-Vehicle tag # RNE4751

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. Ensure to add first-aid manual in the first aid kit.

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

Consultant observed cribs/cots labeled for individual use on this date.

Comment

Consultant observed infant sleeping position on this date. Consultant further observed infants safe sleep requirements forms on file on this date.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed. Consultant discussed the following best practices with director, ensure staff;

-Scan the room frequently, even when engaged with individual children to ensure awareness of the whole group.

-Provide closer supervision to ensure children are within easy reach when risks are higher and when children's age and behavioral tendencies require it, such as when children are eating, drinking, sleeping, using gross motor equipment, or when around children who bite, have more impulsive behavior tendencies, and/or like to mouth toys.

-Intentionally arrange the room with effective supervision in mind and reposition any furniture that blocks a caregiver's line of sight or requires a caregiver to have their back turned to children

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Director provided four new hire files for employees hired since last visit conducted January 9, 2024. Consultant observed four of four new hires to have a satisfactory records check on file on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of documents that staff member #15 did not submit a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. Staff was observed in classroom 4R discussing children's progress with staff. Staff was observed present in the classroom with two staff with satisfactory comprehensive records check and 19 GA Pre-K students. Staff left the premises immediately.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of documents that staff member #15 did not have evidence of current satisfactory record check electronically. Staff was observed in classroom 4R discussing children's progress with staff. Staff was observed present in the room with two staff with satisfactory comprehensive records check and 19 GA Pre-K students. Staff left premises immediately.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed of 100% of center staff to have First Aid and CPR on file on this date.

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****Comment**

Consultant observed appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.