



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/30/2025 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:35 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-231

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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.
04/30/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/22/2025	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/07/2024	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
Bldg 1	#1-Right Hallway end-Front Room	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg 1	#2-Right Hallway end-Back Room	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg 1	#3-Left Hallway-1st Right Room	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Field Trip
Bldg 1	#4-Left Hallway end-Back Room	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Bldg 1	#5-Left Hallway end-Front Room	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Field Trip
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Bldg 2	# 6 Left side	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Field Trip
Bldg 2	#7-Right Side	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Field Trip
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 107			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Left side	131	C
Bldg 1	Right Front	50	C

Comments

The visit report was reviewed and discussed with site Director 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.decga.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@decga.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 POI Follow Up:

		Facility
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(1) requires the center to provide a specified minimum number of flush toilets and hand washing sinks with running water for the use of all children, at least one flush toilet for children being potty-trained and to not substitute nursery potty chairs for a required flush toilet. It was determined based on observation in Bldg 2 #7-Right Side the girl's restroom toilet did not flush properly as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the toilet in the girl's restroom is replaced or repaired as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the following bathroom exhaust fans had a visible build up of dust, preventing the control of odors and adequate ventilation:

Bldg 1-#1-Right Hallway end-Front Room

Bldg 1 #2-Right Hallway end-Back Room

Bldg 1 #3-Left Hallway-1st Right Room

Bldg 1 #4- Left Hallway end-Back Room

Bldg 1 #5-Left hallway end-Front Room

Bldg 2-#6-Left side and #7-Right side

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the exhaust fans in each of the bathrooms listed are cleaned and well maintained as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that the carpets in Bldg 2 # 6 Left side classroom and Bldg 2 # 7 Right side classroom had several sections that were frayed and curled posing potential tripping hazards.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floor coverings will be maintained to ensure that they are tight fitting and smooth as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2025

Corrected on 4/30/2025

.25(13) - The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the environment to be kept clean and good repair as required.

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 in Bldg 2 #7 Left side classroom that the wood on the window trim/seal was broken and had an exposed protruding nail. Additionally, the entrance door in Bldg 2 #7 Left side classroom had chipped paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Please ensure the broken wooden trim/seal on the window and chipped paint on the door are repaired and maintained in a good condition as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Recited on 4/30/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following equipment posed a safety hazard to children in care:

- Bldg 1 Left side playground - the slide with the yellow steps had visible chipped paint.
- Bldg 1 Left side playground - the yellow horse springy seat had visible chipped paint.
- Bldg 1 Right Front playground - the yellow and a red horse springy seats had visible chipped paint.
- Bldg 1 Right Front playground -the fire man pole had visible chipped paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the outdoor play equipment is regularly maintained and free of hazards as required.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2025

Recited on 4/30/2025

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2024

Corrected on 4/30/2025

.26(9) - This citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the playground was clean, free from litter, and there were no active ant beds.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2025

Corrected on 4/30/2025

.07(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe any injury or discomfort to a child or children that required immediate attention from staff or communication to parents.

Policies and Procedures

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2025**Corrected on 4/30/2025**

.29(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant did not observe any child in distress or discomfort. Based on discussion with the Director, the Center now communicate any incidents that parents need to be informed about immediately to the parent as required.

Safety

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.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/22/2025****Corrected on 4/30/2025**

.32(7) - This citation was corrected on this date. The Consultant observed adequate supervision in each classroom that had staff and children present.