**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**
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**Date:** 5/28/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:20 PM

**CCLC-32927**
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 05/28/2025 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 10/17/2024 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 09/20/2023 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |

**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.

**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building | Room | Age Group | Staff | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bld 2 | Rm D-after school | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1 | 7 | C | 17 | C | 24 | C | Free Play,Art |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 17 | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 84 | | | | |
| Main | Rm A | Infants and One Year Olds | 2 | 9 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | Nap,Diapering,Floor Play |
| Main | Rm B | Two Year Olds | 2 | 16 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | Rm C | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 16 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play,Free Play |
| | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 60 | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 84 | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 48 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77 | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 84 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main | Playground 1 | 10 | C |
| Main | Playground 2 | 24 | C |

**Enrolled Children**

| Under 1 years | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 7 | 16 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 7 |

**Comments**
A copy of the visit report was left with the provider 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.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.

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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 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.

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

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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 on this date.

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

**Comment**
The Provider stated that the center does not provide swimming activities.

## Facility

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

**Comment**
Licensed capacity was observed to be routinely met by center.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**
Center appears clean and well maintained.

**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 in Classroom A, a pack of wipes were stored on top of the changing table in reach of the children which could pose a hazard. In classroom B, a pack of wipes was stored in a child's backpack that was stored at a level that was accessible to the children.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure that all electrical outlets throughout the center are covered with protective caps.

**Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025**

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

**Comment**
591-1-1-.26(6) - Please consider adding a variety of age appropriate toys and equipment to infant/toddler playground.

**Correction Deadline: 6/7/2025**

**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 hazards were present on infant Playground 1:
- three red Little Tykes swing lap bars with sharp/broken edges laying on the ground near the red play structure and posed a hazard to the children in care.
- two of eight Little Tykes swings missing lap bars.
- large red stationary play structure on the left side of the playground that contained areas of chipped paint and rust which pose a hazard to the children in care.

On Playground 2, the large green Hummer play structure was covered in areas of rust and chipped paint which posed a hazard to children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 6/7/2025**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that low lying areas of grass are filled in to avoid a tripping hazard to the children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**
The Provider stated that they do not currently dispense/administer medication.

## Organization

**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**
591-1-1-.16(f) - Please ensure that an amendment is submitted in DECAL Koala to change Classroom A from a non-diapering room to a diapering room.

**Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025**

## 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)** **N/A**

**Comment**
The Provider stated that the center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**Comment**
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**
Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Comment**
The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 7** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 7 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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

**Comment**
Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/16/2024**

**Corrected on 5/28/2025**
**.14(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All current staff members have up to date first aid and CPR training.**

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

**Finding**
591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(i) requires that newly hired teachers who do not possess the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements must enroll in a program of study to obtain one of the educational credentials and qualifying experience requirements as required by these rules within six months after employment at the Center and complete the credential or degree within 18 months after enrollment. It was determined based on a review of staff records and staff statements that the Lead Teacher in the two-year-old classroom did not obtain one of the required credentials within eighteen months of being employed at the center. Employee No. 1 was hired on August 4, 2021, and has completed the course work for a CDA, but has not yet obtained certification. It was further determined based on review of records and staff statements that Employee No. 9 was the Lead Teacher in Classroom D with school age children and did not obtain one of the required credentials within eighteen months of being employed at the center. Employee No. 9 was hired on 08/27/2023.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Center will ensure that all teachers will comply with the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 6/27/2025**

**Recited on 5/28/2025**

## Staffing and Supervision

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

**Comment**
Center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

**Comment**
Adequate supervision observed on this date.