



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/24/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-66458
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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.
07/24/2025	Initial Licensing Study	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 Building	Room A 1 L Infant		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room B 2 L 2 Year		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room C 3 L 3 year 4 year		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room D 2 R 5 year and up		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room E 1 R 1 year		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			63			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 Building	Playground	44	C

Comments

The child care program received a final license on this date. The facility carries liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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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The following information is associated with a ILS:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2025

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

Met

Comment

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

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained. Please ensure to cut down screw on base of toilet for bathrooms in Classrooms B and Classroom C.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure that bathroom ventilation for Classroom C and Classroom D are working properly.

Correction Deadline: 8/23/2025

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

Met

Comment

A license was issued on this date. The overall capacity for this facility is 63. No limitations.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.25(13) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.26(4) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.26(9) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.10(4) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

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 owner on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.21(1)(p) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the owner.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

Consultant viewed vehicle and was not able to observe if it was operable due to owner not having keys. 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)**

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024**Corrected on 7/24/2025**

.30(1)(a)3 - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure that all crib sheets are tight fitting.

Correction Deadline: 7/24/2025**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024****Corrected on 7/24/2025**

.30(4) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024**Corrected on 7/24/2025**

.09(1)(c) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024**Corrected on 7/24/2025**

.09(1)(l)3. - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2024**Corrected on 7/24/2025**

.14(1)(a) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024**Corrected on 7/24/2025**

.14(3) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024**Corrected on 7/24/2025**

.24(1) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.33(4) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.33(5) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.32(4) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.

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

Met

Comment

A supervision plan was created on this date due to the shape of Classroom A.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Corrected on 7/24/2025

.32(7) - Change of location inspection visit was conducted on this date. Previous citation was discussed with owner. Citation has been corrected.