



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/8/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 8:00 AM **Departure:** 10:00 AM

**CCLC-51763**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                                   |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 05/08/2025                  | Monitoring Visit                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/19/2024                  | Complaint Closure                 | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/19/2024                  | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | 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                             |
|----------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Main     | 1st Left       | Three Year Olds                    | 1     | 10       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast, Transitioning, Centers |
| Main     | 1st Right      | Infants                            | 2     | 5        | C    | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Floor Play                   |
| Main     | 2nd Left       | Three Year Olds                    | 1     | 6        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                         |
| Main     | 2nd Right      | One Year Olds                      | 2     | 9        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                         |
| Main     | 3rd Left       | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1     | 5        | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                         |
| Main     | 3rd Right      | Two Year Olds                      | 1     | 7        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play, Breakfast              |
| Main     | 4th Right      | Two Year Olds                      | 1     | 10       | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Breakfast, Free Play              |
| Main     | 5th Right      |                                    | 0     | 0        | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           |                                   |
| Main     | Far back right |                                    | 0     | 0        | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           |                                   |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 159

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 52

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground        | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Infant/toddler    | 18                   | C                     |
| Main     | Preschool         | 265                  | C                     |
| Main     | Toddler/Preschool | 149                  | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |                |                |                |                |                           |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Under 1 years</b>     | <b>1 years</b> | <b>2 years</b> | <b>3 years</b> | <b>4 years</b> | <b>5 years (Prekonly)</b> | <b>5 years and older</b> |
| 10                       | 11             | 20             | 27             | 14             | 0                         | 47                       |

#### **Comments**

Plan developed 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.

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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 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:**

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](mailto: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 Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.03 Activities**

**Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2024

Corrected on 5/8/2025

.03(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed that chairs should not be stacked up high due to a falling hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2025

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2024

Corrected on 5/8/2025

.12(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the ventilation in the restroom of the 5th right class was in need of being repaired due to it not working. In addition, the girl toilet was in need of being cleaned.

Correction Deadline: 6/7/2025

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

**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 the following hazards were accessible to children in care:

2nd Left Classroom:

baby wipes that pose a suffocation hazard were placed in a shelf by the door within reach

3rd Left:

plastic bags in the cubbies of the children within reach

4th Left: plastic bags in the cubbies

stapler in an unlocked drawer of the counter

1st Right:

plastic bags in the cubbies

Restroom between 1st Right and 2nd Right:

rubber gloves, Aquaphor and butt paste in a basket located in the floor of the restroom

Far Back Right:

broom and dust pan by the door

adult scissors and rubber gloves in an unlocked drawer

**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: 5/8/2025**

**Recited on 5/8/2025**

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the mulch must be flush with the sidewalk on the Right side playground due to tripping hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 5/8/2025**

**Correction Deadline: 11/19/2024**

**Corrected on 5/8/2025**

.26(9) - Citation observed to be corrected.

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.17(6) requires garbage and organic waste to be stored in containers that are lined with plastic liners and have tight-fitting covers. Trash and garbage shall be removed from the building daily or as often as necessary to maintain the premises in a clean condition. It was determined based on observation that trash cans throughout has organic waste and no lids placed on them.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide the required containers and implement a plan to ensure that trash and garbage are taken out daily, or more often, if needed.

**Correction Deadline: 5/8/2025**

**Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a child entered the 4th Right Classroom and 5th Left Classroom and were not required to wash hands.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 5/8/2025**

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/19/2024**

**Corrected on 5/8/2025**

**.30(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.**

**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtime and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in the 4th Right Classroom and 5th Right Classroom staff members were not seated while the two-year-old children were eating but were observed to be walking around and doing other activities. It was further determined that the staff member in the 2nd Left Classroom allowed child to walk to the water fountain in the hallway unattended, and then the staff member came to the door to watch the child in the room and those in the hallway. The staff member was also observed to walk out of the room to the water fountain for a brief moment leaving the children in the class unattended and also walk through the adjoining restroom to the 1st Left Classroom to place a chair in there.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 5/8/2025**

**Recited on 5/8/2025**