



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/26/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

**CCLC-18206**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| 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. |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12/26/2024                  | Licensing Study                    | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/04/2024                  | Licensing Study                    | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/13/2023                  | Incident 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               |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Building 2                      | 1R- Classroom, Three and Older  |                                                              | 0                               | 0        | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Building 2                      | 2L - Classroom, Five and Older  |                                                              | 0                               | 0        | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Building 2                      | Back- Classroom, Four and Older | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 2                               | 16       | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers             |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71  |                                 |                                                              | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 360 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                     |
| Main                            | A 1st Right                     | Infants                                                      | 2                               | 6        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding, Floor Play |
| Main                            | B 2nd Right                     | One Year Olds                                                | 2                               | 5        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning       |
| Main                            | C 3rd Right                     |                                                              | 0                               | 0        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Main                            | D 4th Right                     |                                                              | 0                               | 0        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Main                            | E 5th Right                     |                                                              | 0                               | 0        | C    | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Main                            | F 6th Right                     | Two Year Olds                                                | 2                               | 8        | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers             |
| Main                            | G Middle Back                   |                                                              | 0                               | 0        | C    | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Main                            | Gym Center Rm                   |                                                              | 0                               | 0        | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Main                            | H 4th Left                      | Three Year Olds                                              | 1                               | 7        | C    | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning       |
| Main                            | I 3rd Left                      |                                                              | 0                               | 0        | C    | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Main                            | J 2nd Left                      |                                                              | 0                               | 0        | C    | 27         | C            | 38         | C            |                     |
| Main                            | K 1st Left                      | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                           | 2                               | 10       | C    | 27         | C            | 38         | C            | Centers             |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 254 |                                 |                                                              | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 360 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                     |

| Building | Playground                                 | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Main     | Infant/ Toddler                            | 38                      | C                        |
| Main     | Preschool                                  | 27                      | C                        |
| Main     | Preschool, Back                            | 60                      | C                        |
| Main     | Sport Court- three-<br>years-old and older | 14                      | C                        |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years            | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 11                       | 18      | 42      | 50      | 39      | 20                 | 7                 |

**Comments**

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

Consultant discussed with provider the updates for criminal record check. Consultant emailed director a information about the the change in vendors.

Discussed sign-in/out procedures for children on this date.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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:**

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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center on this date.

**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**

Consultant observed parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed restrooms be clean and well maintained on this date.

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-25(11) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure floors and walls are free from cracks, bare concrete, dampness, splinters, chipping and/or peeling paint, and sliding rugs. Director stated the center is currently awaiting repairs. Consultant also discussed with the director to ensure cover any area that exposes (i.e., chipping and/or peeling paint, cracks, etc.).

**Correction Deadline: 1/25/2025**

**Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024**

**Corrected on 12/26/2024**

**.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed environment to be free from hazards on this date.**

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

**Comment**

Consultant observed playground clean and in good repair in good repair on this date.

**Food Service**

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

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines. Consultant observed current menu posted.

**Comment**

Consultant observed bottles covered and fully labeled with child's full name and date.

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

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures posted in diaper changing area on this date.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **N/A**

**Comment**

Per director the center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Comment**

Per director center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

Consultant observed the first and second checks conducted and completed for the weeks of December 9-13 and December 16-20, 2024.

**Comment**

The consultant observed the following vehicles to have evidence of a current vehicle inspection report:

- Vehicle tag # AVC1168 - conducted on April 2, 2024
- Vehicle tag # AXH2998 - conducted on April 2, 2024

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Vehicle tag # AXH2998 was not inspected during today's visit, per director the bus is currently in the shop.

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

Consultant observed cribs/cots labeled for individual use.

**Comment**

Consultant observed proper infant sleeping position on this date

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 21 new hire files for employees hired since last visit conducted on January 4, 2024.

Consultant observed 21 of 21 new hires to have a satisfactory comprehensive records check electronically file on this date.

**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. Please ensure that staff have Professional Learning Plan on file as well as ensuring that any staff with foreign credential, verify credentials through GA PSC.. Consultant emailed Professional Learning and Steps for Verifying Foreign Credentials to director during visit.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.