



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/29/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-63634
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
07/29/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/03/2024	Initial 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
Annex Building	B- 5yrs- 8yrs		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Annex Building	Rm. A- 8yrs-18yrs	Six Year Olds and Over	2	5	C	41	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Annex Building	Rm. C- 5yrs-8yrs		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 51			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations					
Total # Children this Date: 5			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 51		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Annex Building	Playground	17	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	0	0	0	5

Comments
Visit completed.

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.al.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.

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 user id 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@dec.al.ga.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 MV:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(5) requires Center Staff to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench. It was determined based on observation the following room lacked table and chairs to accommodate the measured capacity of the room:

- Room C lacked three (3) chairs

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide required equipment as noted.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025

Prior Visits: 10/03/2024

Recited on 7/29/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation rooms B and C lacked a variety of toys and or equipment in the area of musical instruments. Room C lacked a variety of games and puzzles.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2025

Prior Visits: 10/03/2024

Recited on 7/29/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2024

Prior Visits: 10/03/2024

Corrected on 7/29/2025

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The consultant observed that the Center documented a primary source of health care for all children enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2024

Prior Visits: 10/03/2024

Corrected on 7/29/2025

.08(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the child was no longer enrolled at the center.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2024

Prior Visits: 10/03/2024

Corrected on 7/29/2025

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the two ceiling lights were equipped with a cover.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation the following hazards on the playground fencing:

- chipped paint on the fence poles.
- screw protrusion on the fence gate.
- height of fence measuring between three feet eight inches to three feet eleven due to plastic border timber at the bottom of the surrounding fencing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2025**Prior Visits: 10/03/2024****Recited on 7/29/2025****Correction Deadline: 10/13/2024****Prior Visits: 10/03/2024****Corrected on 7/29/2025**

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the equipment was free of dirt and debris.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation the climbing equipment with slides and fire poles fall zones were over four (4) feet in height requiring three (3) inches of resilient material. The resilient material measured under two (2) inches in the fall zones. The required amount of resilient surface was six (6) inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2025**Prior Visits: 10/03/2024****Recited on 7/29/2025****Health and Hygiene****Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

There were no diapered children enrolled in the program on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****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 staff did not wash two children's hands upon arrival for care.

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: 7/29/2025**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Discussed storage requirements for cots.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**Staff Records**

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that staff person #4 did not submit submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. A one day letter was left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that staff person #4 did not have a current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center. A one day letter was left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025

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

: Discussed that effective July 1, 2025 new staff are required to obtain First Aid and CPR training, with a hands on component, within 45 days of employment. It was further disc.ussed that programs must have at least one person with current First Aid and CPR training in each classroom at all times

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2024**Prior Visits: 10/03/2024****Corrected on 7/29/2025**

.14(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed evidence of current CPR and First Aid Training on file for the Director and staff.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/8/2024****Prior Visits: 10/03/2024****Corrected on 7/29/2025**

.24(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The consultant observed the required training on file for staff.

Technical Assistance:

Discussed that effective July 1, 2025 all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. must complete an employee orientation form.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Discussed that effective July 1, 2025 each staff person is required to have two hours of language & literacy training annual. Additionally staff must obtain two hours of ongoing health & safety annually.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2024**Corrected on 7/29/2025**

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The consultant observed the required training on file.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2023

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed supervision requirements.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2025