



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/10/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:20 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-25142

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

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. 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.
06/10/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/10/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/25/2025	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
Main	A- PreK 4B	Five Year Olds	1	7	C	30	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B PreK 4A	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C- PreK 3B	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Outside,Transitioning
Main	D PreK 3A	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Main	E School Age		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	F- Sr. Toddlers	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G- Jr. Toddlers	One Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
Main	H- Infants B	One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Floor Play
Main	I- Infant A	Infants	2	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 64			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	7	C

Main	B	70	C
Main	C	54	C
Main	D	20	C
Main	E	59	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	19	21	13	10	0	0

Comments

The Consultant discussed resources for documenting staff times with roll sheets.

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.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 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@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 CI/MV:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that televisions and air purifiers are secured to prevent tipping, falling, being pushed or pulled over as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2025

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider stated that the Center does not provide swimming activities on this date.

Facility

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure hazardous items including staplers, brooms, diaper wipes etc. are not accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2025

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 that there was a 5 inch gap under the gate on Playground B near the back right corner where 10 children were playing on this date.

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: 6/24/2025**Prior Visits: 12/08/2022****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were on the playground:

Playground B:

-There was an exposed drain pipe coming from the walkway near the entrance to the back play area gate that was accessible to ten 1-year-old children on this date.

Playground C:

-There were two active ant beds accessible to seven 3-year-old children on this date.
-There were exposed tree roots in the back left corner accessible to seven 3-year-old children on this date.
-There were 4 red stacked chairs on the walkway outside of classroom A- PreK 4B door accessible to seven 3-year-old children on this date.

Playground D:

-There was a grill on the walkway against the building accessible to seven 3-year-old children who were observed walking past the grill on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The Consultant discussed with the Center about spraying tree roots with spray paint.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2025**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Consultant observed proper diapering procedures in all diapering classrooms on this date.

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

The Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2024

Prior Visits: 05/21/2024

Corrected on 6/10/2025

.09(1)(I)3. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed staff #4 to have a current Comprehensive Satisfactory Background check on file on this date.

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****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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