



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 5/20/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 11:10 AM

**CCLC-50069**

**Guardian Angels Learning Center**

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Same

**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                  |               | <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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 05/20/2025                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10/29/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/16/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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**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                           | Room A |                                    | 0                              | 0        | C                             | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           |                      |
| Main                           | Room B |                                    | 0                              | 0        | C                             | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           |                      |
| Main                           | Room C | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2                              | 8        | C                             | 10         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch, Transitioning |
| Main                           | Room D | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                              | 4        | C                             | 8          | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Lunch |
|                                |        |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                      |
| Total # Children this Date: 12 |        |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                      |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground | 87                   | C                     |

| <b>Enrolled Children</b> |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years            | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 0                        | 2       | 6       | 7       | 4       | 2                  | 6                 |

### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring.

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.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

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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.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 Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

**Records Reviewed: 7**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/28/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

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.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

**591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**Records Reviewed: 7**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

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Staff # 4

Not Met

**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by the center.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 11/8/2024****Corrected on 5/20/2025****The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The seesaw handlebars were without chipped paint.****Health and Hygiene****Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

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Date of Hire: 04/28/2025

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 10/29/2024****Corrected on 5/20/2025****The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The changing surface in Room C was nonporous.****591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication.

**Safety****Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Date of Hire: 04/28/2025

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Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/28/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

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.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Please ensure that cots are labeled for individual use.

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/28/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Director provided two files for employees hired since the last visit.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR****Met****Correction Deadline: 11/8/2024****Corrected on 5/20/2025****The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The first aid kit had goggles.****591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.24(1) requires the center to maintain a personnel file on the Director, all Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance, and other Support Staff for the duration of the term of employment plus one calendar year, and it shall contain the following: identifying information to include: name, date of birth, social security number, current address and current telephone number; employment history; as applicable to the position held: evidence of education and qualifying work experience; evidence of all training required by these rules which shall include: title of training, date of training, trainer's signature, location of training and number of clock hours obtained; a statement completed by the staff member that the information provided is true and accurate; any other records required by these rules; and as applicable to the position held, evidence of required orientation including date and signature of person providing the orientation; It was determined based on a review of files that staff members #1 and #4 did not have evidence of orientation.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will secure required information for all Personnel. The Center will ensure that complete information is in the personnel file for all Directors, Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance and other Support Staff.

**Correction Deadline: 5/25/2025****591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Correction Deadline: 5/16/2024****Corrected on 5/20/2025****The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The director had 10 hours of training for 2024. The other staff member was on leave and returned back to work May 1, 2025.****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/28/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

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Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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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.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure Staff are attentive and seated within an arm's length away from children 36 months of age and younger. Additionally, the consultant discussed ensuring that children do not have excessive amounts of food in their mouths while eating and are chewing their food appropriately to prevent choking. Children must always be seated when eating and shall not be allowed to lie down or be put to sleep while food is present in their mouths.

**Correction Deadline: 5/20/2025**