



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/2/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-67289

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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.
10/02/2025	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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-1st L-Young One's	One Year Olds	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B-2nd L-Infant	Infants	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	Room C-3rd L-Two's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Transitioning ,Free Play
Main	Room D-4th L-One's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Transitioning
Main	Room E-1st R-Three's and Four's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			56		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 46			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground B-Main Right	23	C
Main	Playground A1st L-infants/1's	6	C

Comments

The child care program received a final license on this date. The facility does not carry liability insurance. The total capacity is 56 children.

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation of all five classrooms, that the lesson plans were not posted and visible.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025

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

Not Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that in room:

Room C-blue table and 3 chairs had visible rust, two wooden chairs with chipped paint

Room D-brown desk and yellow table had access rust visible

Room E-Nine chairs had accessible rust, yellow table accessible chipped paint, back of wooden shelf needs repairs, and orange shelf had accessible chipped paint., chipped paint visible around the perimeter of the bottom of the room and on the main wall areas.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Facility

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

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

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

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the provider on this date to ensure all flooring is tight and in good repair in all areas of the building.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2025

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

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure all fencing are in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director on this date to ensure leaves on playground A is maintained/removed.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025

	Food Service
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591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure feeding plans are complete and updated.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure menus are visible for daily discussion.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure all hazards in arm reach of the children to be placed inaccessible.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation, administering, storage and procedures.

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The facility will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two(2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

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

Six cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CSPC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 06/2022, 04, 2020, 09/20, 11, 2014. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the inspection visit.

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.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children 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**

A supervision plan was created on this date for both playgrounds, diapering, classroom supervision and bathroom supervision plan.

Comment

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