



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/14/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-66015

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Same

Quality Rated: No

<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.
08/14/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/07/2025	Attempted	Good Standing	
05/06/2025	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
Main Building	Room A-1st R-3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Building	Room B-2nd R-Infants	Infants	1	1	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main Building	Room C-1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	4	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music
Main Building	Room D-2year olds	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 15					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Main Playground	175	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	11	7	8	3	0	0

Comments

Consultant discussed the new rule changes that went into effect July 1, 2025.

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.decgal.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@decgal.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 LS:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(2) - Discussed with the director to ensure all classrooms had lesson plans available or posted.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(3) - Discussed with the director to ensure all classroom had a variety of materials to enhance children's learning and for children to choose from.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Discussed with the director to be sure the exhaust vents in the bathrooms are dusted regularly.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2025**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****Comment**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Discussed with the director to be sure the staff are checking children's bags for any hazardous items such as baby wipes.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Discussed with the director that six inches of mulch are required for the fall zones on the playground near the two blue slides and the blue climbing structure.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2025**Prior Visits: 05/06/2025****Food Service****Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Center has a permit for an outside service to provide meals and snacks to the children. The permit for this service was observed at the time of the visit. Center menu meets USDA guidelines. Center

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

N/A

Comment

Center does not have a kitchen used for the childcare program.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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 in classroom D-2 years olds, staff did not wash or remind a child to wash their hands after their diaper change.

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: 8/14/2025**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Comment

Please document N/A or none if no adverse reaction is observed.

Policies and Procedures**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of cots, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of cots was discussed with the staff on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2025

Prior Visits: 05/06/2025

Corrected on 8/14/2025

.30(1)(a) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed nine cribs that dated 10/24 and 11/18

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Comment

Director provided 11 files for employees hired since last visit.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on review of records that staff #3 was present and caring for children with a satisfactory background check was not ported over to the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch videos to ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. 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 watch videos to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025

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

Discussed with the director that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff hired more than 45 days were certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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

Complete documentation observed of required Health and Safety Orientation.

Comment

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed by each staff.

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

Discussed with the director that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months. Also, if they are in a program then staff are required to have a Professional Learning Plan in their file.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2025

"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.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Center's supervision plan was observed for the playground route on this date.