



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/27/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:10 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

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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.
08/27/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/31/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/13/2024	Complaint Investigation & 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-PK	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	22	C	Centers
Main	B: Toddlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	TV,Circle Time
Main	D: Infants	Infants	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Diapering
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			37		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		39			
Total # Children this Date: 18			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		37		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		39	
									Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Right Playground	35	C
Main	B: Left Playground	24	C
Main	C: Front Playground	6	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	2	6	3	3	0	0

Comments

Discussed new rules for First Aid & CPR, Annual Training, and Operational Policies and Procedures with Director. A Professional Learning Plan and Training Resources were left with the Director. A complaint investigation was completed on this date.

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a CI/MV:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

591-1-1-.12 - A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.12 - Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Comment

591-1-1-.35 - Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

Comment

591-1-1-.06 - Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

591-1-1-.19 - Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Not Met

Comment

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep baby wipes inaccessible to children as required.

Comment

591-1-1-.25 - The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observations that the following hazards were found in the bathroom under the sink counter accessible to children in Room B Toddlers:

- Clorox Clean-Up Spray
- Lysol Spray
- Disinfectant Spray
- Plug-In

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2025

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.26 - Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/27/2024

Prior Visits: 04/19/2024

Corrected on 8/27/2025

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Playground A, B, and C artificial turf was observed to be tacked down properly as required.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observations that a 12-month old had a pacifier attachment to their clothing in Room D Infants.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

591-1-1-.10 - Proper diapering procedures observed.

Correction Deadline: 12/27/2024

Prior Visits: 04/19/2024

Corrected on 8/27/2025

.10(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was ventilation over the diapering table in Classroom C and D for ventilation as required.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Discussed with Director that diaper changing surfacing are smooth and nonporous as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2025

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.17 - Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

591-1-1-.20 - The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review or records that the center did not conduct fire drills, tornado drills, and lock down drills for the year of 2025 as required. Additionally, there were no smoke detector or fire extinguisher checks conducted monthly for the year of 2025 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2025

Prior Visits: 12/13/2024

Recited on 8/27/2025

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

591-1-1-.05 - Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.11 - Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

N/A

Comment

591-1-1-.13 - Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

N/A

Comment

591-1-1-.36 - Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

591-1-1-.30 - Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 7**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/29/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/07/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/12/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 7

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/24/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 8

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/15/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 10

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/03/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

591-1-1-.09(1) - Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Discussed 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.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2025**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.31 - Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.32 - Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

591-1-1-.32 - Adequate supervision observed on this date.