



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/13/2025 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 11:00 AM Departure: 4:00 PM

CCLC-36268

Early Learning Scholars

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<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.
02/13/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/17/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
08/26/2024	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: 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B: 2R	One Year Olds	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C: 2L Preschool 3	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	31	C	Lunch
Main	D: 1L Preschool 2	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	25	C	Lunch, Transitioning, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			63		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 228					
Modular	L PreK 2	GA PreK	2	18	C	30	C	42	C	Nap
Modular	L Prek 4	GA PreK	2	17	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Modular	PreK 1	GA PreK	3	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Modular	R PreK 3	GA PreK	1	16	C	28	C	40	C	Nap
Modular	R PreK 5	GA PreK	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			125		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 228					
Total # Children this Date: 122			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 188		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 228					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Garden	6	C

Comments

2/13/2025: The purpose of the visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow up on the previous visit.

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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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

		Facility
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Records Reviewed: 32

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Corrected on 2/13/2025

.25(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have replaced tiles in Rooms A , B, and C. The black border on the wall that was located in Room D children's bathroom has since been repaired.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024

Corrected on 2/13/2025

.25(19) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have approved licensed spaces for the PreK 1, PreK 4, and PreK 5 classrooms.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2024

Corrected on 2/13/2025

.26(6) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have replaced two steering wheels that were missing from a toy car located in the front of the playground.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2024

Corrected on 2/13/2025

.26(8) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed inclement weather to measure the resilient surface under the large play structure.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 32**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/31/2024****Corrected on 2/13/2025****.21(3) - The previous citation related to the center's monthly emergency drills that were conducted from January 2024 through July 2024, correction date has since passed.**

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 32**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024****Corrected on 2/13/2025****.30(2) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant did not observe infants in bouncy seats or with a bib lying on their mattress while inside of their cribs.**