



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/13/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:35 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-666

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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.
11/13/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/11/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/11/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	T Back L Hall 1R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	U Back R Hall		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	O Main Hall 2L	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	A 1R Hall 1R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B 1R Hall 2R	Four Year Olds	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D 1R Hall 4R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E 1R Hall 5R	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F 1R Hall 3L	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	G 1R Hall 2L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	H 1R Hall 1L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	I L Hall 1L		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	J L Hall 2L		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	L 2R Hall 2L	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	P Main Hall 3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	R Main Hall 4L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	S Back L Hall 2R		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	C 1R Hall 3R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside

Main	K Hall 2L		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	M 2R Hall 1L		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	N Main Hall 1L	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 382					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 156			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 382		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground	368	C
Main	Small Playground	52	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	3	20	31	50	22	0

Comments

Reminder:

Please ensure center staff are following the July, 2025 edition of the CCLC Indicator Manual. If you need a reference to the new rules and regulations, please go to the website: <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

Comment

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and reflected the current weeks activities in each classroom.

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)**Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

Comment

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

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2024

Corrected on 11/13/2025

.11(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The Consultant observed center staff using positive reinforcement and age-appropriate conversations with children.

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

No infants enrolled.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2025

Corrected on 11/13/2025

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected. The Consultant observed complete Pediatric CPR/First Aid training for all staff employed at the center.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

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