



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/28/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-34706

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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.
08/28/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/19/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/10/2024	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
Building Two	D- Center Classroom- Afterschool	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67							
Main	A-Left Front - Toddler		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C 2nd right-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside, Floor Play
Main	Room B -Center - 3-5	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	25	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67							
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 60			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building Two	School Age Playground	28	C
Main	left side	30	C

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

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

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: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2019

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.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2025

Prior Visits: 09/10/2024

Corrected on 8/28/2025

.08(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed that all reviewed children's records were complete as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2025

Prior Visits: 02/19/2025

Corrected on 8/28/2025

.08(3) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed that all reviewed children's records were complete as required on this date.

Facility

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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)**Not Met****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 observation that there was a vacuum cleaner in front of the children's cubby area in the Building Two D- Center Classroom Afterschool on this date.

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: 8/28/2025

Prior Visits: 10/24/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following fencing hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Building Two School Age Playground

- The wooden fence located at the front right had a 4 inch gap at the bottom right side of the gate.
- The wooden fence located at the front right had a 5.5 inch gap at the bottom left side of the gate.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025**Prior Visits: 04/09/2024, 04/05/2023****Food Service****Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2012

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 6 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Met

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

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 6 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records 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-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #7, hired November 5, 2012, with primary responsibility for food preparation did not have evidence of completing four hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #6, hired June 14, 2019, did not have evidence of completing 10 hours of annual training for the 2024 calendar year as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2025

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-Food Prep Training Missing 4 hrs.

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.