



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/16/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:15 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-28062

SGMC Child Care Center

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Same

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.
07/16/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/10/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/09/2024	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-infant-1's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-3-4 years		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C-3-4 years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	D-1-2 years	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Snack, Nap, Circle Time
Main	E-infant-2 years	Infants	1	6	C	24	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground 1	7	C
Main	Playground 2	51	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	8	9	6	6	0	0

Comments

A copy of the visit report was left with the Provider on this date. New rule changes and annual training requirements were discussed with the Provider.

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2024

Prior Visits: 07/09/2024

Corrected on 7/16/2025

.12(2) - This citation was observed corrected on this date. The pink Costco feeding chair had been discarded along with any other toys and equipment that could be considered hazardous or unclean.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

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

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2024

Prior Visits: 07/09/2024

Corrected on 7/16/2025

.25(11) - This citation was observed corrected on this date. All rugs and floor coverings observed were clean, tight, and smooth.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2024

Prior Visits: 07/13/2023

Corrected on 7/16/2025

.25(13) - This citation was observed corrected on this date. All backpacks were free of potentially hazardous items.

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2024

Prior Visits: 07/09/2024

Corrected on 7/16/2025

.25(3) - This citation was observed corrected on this date. All previous areas with chipped paint had been repainted, the mirror and dress up area had been cleaned, and all ventilation exhausts and fire sprinklers were free of dust. Additionally, no mold was observed behind the sink in the three and four year old classroom.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2024

Prior Visits: 07/09/2024

Corrected on 7/16/2025

.15(2)(f) - This citation was observed corrected on this date. All food portions served to the children in care were cut to the portion sizes recommended to prevent choking as required by the Department.

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

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

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2024**Prior Visits: 07/09/2024****Corrected on 7/16/2025**

.30(1)(b)2 - This citation was observed corrected on this date. Cots in all classrooms were marked for individual use.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on observation that in room Main E-infants-2 years, five out of six infants were napping in bouncy seats.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2025**Correction Deadline: 7/9/2024****Prior Visits: 07/09/2024****Corrected on 7/16/2025**

.30(4) - This citation was observed corrected on this date. All cots were covered and stored away from children's activity areas.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2024**Prior Visits: 02/07/2023****Corrected on 7/16/2025**

.09(1)(j) - This citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff #14 is no longer employed at the Center.

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

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/9/2024**Prior Visits: 07/09/2024****Corrected on 7/16/2025**

.31(2)(b)3.(ii)(I) - (VIII) - This citation was observed corrected on this date. All staff members showed evidence of required credentials or had a professional learning plan on file.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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