



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/13/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 2:40 PM

CCLC-57139

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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.
01/13/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/11/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/16/2023	Complaint Closure	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 2	bldg 2	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 15			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 75							
Main	Back left Two-Yr Old	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Floor Play
Main	Back Middle-Three Year Old		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Back R-Infants& One	One Year Olds	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Lunch
Main	Front Pre-K	GA PreK	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Main	Front Left		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 75							
Total # Children this Date: 43			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 75				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front Right	131	C
Main	Main	400	C
Main	Middle Right - Toddler	41	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	4	10	12	18	7	13

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to follow up from previous visit and conduct a licensing study.

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.decga.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@decga.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure that the computer monitors are secured and cannot be pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2025

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.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(12) - Please ensure that portable AC units are inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please keep all potential hazard items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please make sure that all exhausts in the bathrooms are free from dust. Please ensure that the ceiling vent in Two's classroom is secure.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2025

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26(4) - The program had done some repairs to the fence and is in the process of addressing all other deficiencies.

Discussed:

- * The fence in the back left corner of the Main playground measured approximately 40 inches when at least 48 were required. Additionally, the fence on the right side of the Main playground measured approximately 43 inches.
- * The poles at the top of the fence in the left right corner and the right side of the Main playground were disconnected and the fence was not secured.
- * There were protruding sharp wires at the top of the fences on all playgrounds.
- * There was a gap that measured approximately four and a half inches on the gate facing the entrance and front parking.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that the bolts at the bottom of the small red play structure on Toddler playground are secured.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please ensure that there are at least six inches of mulch for the swings and big slide; and at least three inches for the merry go rounds.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure that the pine cones, fallen branches and acorns are removed from the play areas. Please spray the exposed roots with bright color so they are not a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2025

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.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for Chevy Explored plate # SCP8374 and MFSB plate # SBN4991 used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. - Discussed with the Director that for the 12 passenger Chevy Explorer children under age 8 and 4'9" (57 inches) must be in an approved car seat or booster seat. The car or booster seat must be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) - Please ensure that paperwork is available on site to verify compliance for the four cribs in the Infant room. The manufacturer's date was 2011 but there was no additional information for the actual date (before or after June 28, 2011) . The provider will verify with the manufacturer and will keep paperwork for review.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2025

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 **Met**

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

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

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Comment

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

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.