



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/18/2025 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 1:45 PM

CCLC-50329

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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.
06/18/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/30/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/26/2024	Incident Investigation 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
Main	Rm A: 1st Left (100): Infants		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm B: 2nd Left (150): 1's	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm C: 3rd Left (200): 1's and 2's		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm D: Back Left (Afterschool)	Six Year Olds and Over	2	10	C	58	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Rm E: Back Mid (500): Ga Pre-K		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm F: 5th Right (450): Ga Pre-K	Five Year Olds	1	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm G: 4th Right (400): Ga Pre-K		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm H: 3rd Right (350): 3's		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm I: 2nd Right (300): 3's	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm J: 1st Right (250): 2's	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm K: Front Mid. (Cafeteria)		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			268		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 43			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A	29	C
Main	Plgd-B	185	C
Main	Plgd-C	20	C
Main	Plgd-D	25	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
1	3	3	10	0	0	32

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and follow up on previous citations.

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 MV:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Swimming activities provided off site.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

Prior Visits: 09/30/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2025

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed five children's records with completed documentation as required.

Facility

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(13) - Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials, and supplies, such as toilet brushes and baby wipes, are stored in a locked area inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2025

Prior Visits: 04/26/2022

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2024

Prior Visits: 09/30/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2025

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Completed and up to date fire drills, emergency plans and procedures were on file as required.

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2024

Prior Visits: 09/30/2024

Corrected on 6/18/2025

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Director successfully completed the two-hour transportation training as required.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**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

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/30/2024****Prior Visits: 08/10/2022****Corrected on 6/18/2025**

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All newly hired staff completed First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation training within the first 90 days of employment as required.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Met****Correction Deadline: 10/5/2024****Prior Visits: 09/30/2024****Corrected on 6/18/2025**

.24(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that all employees files on site as required.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024**Prior Visits: 09/30/2024****Corrected on 6/18/2025**

.31(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the Director a copy of credentials on file as required.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024**Prior Visits: 10/25/2022****Corrected on 6/18/2025**

.32(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The consultant observed all classrooms in ratio as required.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2024**Prior Visits: 11/09/2022****Corrected on 6/18/2025**

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Center staff attended a meeting and discussed the procedures for maintaining supervision. Additionally, staff attended training on Active Supervision on June 29, 2025.