



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/24/2025 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-969

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Same

Quality Rated: No

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.
02/24/2025	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/20/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Deficient	
09/11/2024	Monitoring Visit	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	1st Blue Room	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	1st Red Room	GA PreK	2	18	C	18	C	26	C	Outside
Main	1st Right- Younger Infants		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Blue Room	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	2nd Red Room	GA PreK	2	18	C	18	C	26	C	Centers
Main	2nd Right- Older Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Green Room		0	0	C	32	C	45	C	
Main	Purple Room	One Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Centers
Main	Yellow Room	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	35	C	NA	NA	Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176				
Total # Children this Date: 97			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left Playground	60	C
Main	PG- Middle Playground	95	C

Main	PG- Right Playground	38	C
Main	PG-Back Playground	201	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the mini refrigerator that was sitting on top of the red shelf on the right side of the classroom door had two power cords hanging from the side of the shelving and accessible to children causing a potential tipping hazard in the 1st Red Classroom. It was further determined that there was an unsecured four tier plastic shelf on the middle right side of the 2nd Red Classroom with a laptop and a projector sitting on top of the shelf causing a potential tipping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2025

Recited on 2/24/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed movement of children to maintain capacities.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2024

Corrected on 2/24/2025

.25(3) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to be in good repair on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2024

Corrected on 2/24/2025

.26(4) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the playground fencing to be free of hazards on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2024

Corrected on 2/24/2025

.26(6) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the outdoor playground equipment to be free of hazards on this date.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Corrected on 2/24/2025

.15(2)(f) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the food that was served to 14 one-year-old children was cut into small pieces on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Corrected on 2/24/2025

.15(7) - Previous citation observed to be corrected that the Consultant observed center staff to be seated and within arms length away while 15 two-year-old children and a one-year-old child were eating in the Yellow Classroom on this date.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a one-year-old child's hands were not washed with liquid soap and warm running water immediately after being diapered as required in the Purple Classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2025

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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 was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2024

Corrected on 2/24/2025

.36(4)(c) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the vehicle used for transportation (RSA 1725) to be equipped with a functioning fire extinguisher on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2024

Corrected on 2/24/2025

.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed twelve out of twelve crib sheets to be tight fitting in the 2nd Right Classroom 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 **Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

Corrected on 2/24/2025

.14(1) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed documentation of more than fifty percent of center staff to have up to date and current training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on this date.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(4) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that children under three years of age are housed in separate physical areas from older children.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2025

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that staff members are seated and within arm's length away from children while children are eating under the age of three.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2025