



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/14/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-50258

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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.
04/14/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/06/2025	Initial-TA	NA	
01/07/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Infants	7	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-toddler	One Year Olds	1	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
Main	E-2's rm		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H-3-4's	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	13	C	18	C	Transitioning
Main	Rm B		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	RM D-2's	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning, Breakfast
Main	Rm F-3's	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	13	C	18	C	Free Play, Centers, Music
Main	Rm G	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	13	C	18	C	Free Play, Circle Time, Music
Main	Rm I		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Clean Up
Main	Rm J	GA PreK	1	13	C	24	C	34	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			156			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			186	
Total # Children this Date: 82			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			186	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- 3 and Up	78	C
Main	Playground B - 6wks - 2 yrs	45	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
7	8	19	23	25	0	0

Comments

Transportation Records Reviewed. No medications are administered and no swimming activities are provided.

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 user id 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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five (5) files for employees hired since last visit.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) - The Regional Director appeared on the KOALA list of staff for the center, however, the Director stated that this individual has not been present at the center since the background check expiration date. This individual has not been ported and is outside the period of portability. The Director was advised by Consultant that a new background check would have to be obtained prior to the Regional Director being present at the facility again.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2025

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

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

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Health and Hygiene

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2025

Corrected on 4/14/2025

.07(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Required reporting was discussed with the director.

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

Corrected on 4/14/2025

.32(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All children were housed with the appropriate age groups on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2025

Corrected on 4/14/2025

.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Adequate supervision of children was observed throughout the center at all times.