



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 4/15/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

**CCLC-65940**  
**Tomorrow's Child Learning and Development Center**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                         |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 04/15/2025                         | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                    |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |

**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                            | A1 - Right Hallway - 1R - Front-Young 2s   | Two Year Olds                     | 2                               | 8        | C    | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning  |
| Main                            | A2-Right Hallway - 1R - Back-Older 2s      | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 1                               | 13       | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning  |
| Main                            | B1- Right Hallway- 2R-Front-3s             | Three Year Olds                   | 2                               | 11       | C    | 18         | C            | 26         | C            | Transitioning  |
| Main                            | B2-Right Hallway-2R-Back-4s                | Four Year Olds                    | 1                               | 13       | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning  |
| Main                            | C-Mid-Center A/S                           |                                   | 0                               | 0        | C    | 19         | C            | 27         | C            |                |
| Main                            | D1-Left Hallway-1R-1s&2s                   | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds   | 2                               | 15       | C    | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play     |
| Main                            | D2-Left Hallway-2R-1's                     | One Year Olds                     | 1                               | 8        | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play      |
| Main                            | E -1st Left Hallway-1L Classroom (Infants) | Infants and One Year Olds         | 2                               | 9        | C    | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play,Nap |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145 |                                            |                                   | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 161 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                |
| Total # Children this Date: 77  |                                            |                                   | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                |
|                                 |                                            |                                   | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 161 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                |

| Building | Playground     | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | 2's            | 26                   | C                     |
| Main     | 3's-School Age | 78                   | C                     |
| Main     | Infants        | 29                   | C                     |

### Comments

The child care program received a final license on this date. The facility does carry Liability Insurance.

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.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.

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### 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](http://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.

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**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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

**591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Ensure all required information is completed on child enrollment forms.

**Facility**

**591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. Overall licensed capacity of the center is 145 children.

**591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Ensure no hazards are located on the playground.

**Comment**

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that 1 inch of mulch was measured in the fall zone of the multicolor climber on the 2's playground. Additionally 1 inch of mulch was measured in the fall zone of the green climber on the 3's playground. Six inches of resilient material was required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 4/25/2025**

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(3) requires Center Staff to change diapers in the child's own crib or on a diaper changing surface that is used for no purposes other than changing diapers and other clothing in each room where infants or any other children wearing diapers are served. It was determined based on observation that children in Classroom A1 and A2 were being diapered in the bathroom on a mat.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure Staff are trained regarding specifically where to change diapers and clothing in each room housing children who are wearing diapers. The center will add a non-porous diaper changing surface adjacent to a handwashing sink Classrooms A1 and A2.

**Correction Deadline: 4/25/2025**

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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

Appropriate discipline observed.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were discussed with the director.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Observed 12 cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2012.

**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-.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.

**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**

A supervision plan was created on this date for Classroom B1, Classroom E and 3's-School Age playground due to the shape. Additionally a supervision plan was created for Classrooms D1 and D2 due to the diapering area facing the wall.

**Comment**

Appropriate supervision observed on this date.