



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/26/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:05 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-28234

Bright Minds Learning and Childcare Center

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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.
09/26/2025	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/19/2025	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/07/2025	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
Main	L 1L A		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	L 1R F	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	L 2L B		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	L 2R E	One Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	L 3L C	Two Year Olds	1	1	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	L 3R D	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	R 1L G		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	R 1R L	Infants	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering
Main	R 2L H	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	R 2R K	Two Year Olds	3	9	C	16	C	23	C	Nap
Main	R 3L I	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	R 3R J		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			212		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 219					
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 212		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 219					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	85	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	6	23	21	20	4	8

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a License Study Visit and to follow-up from the previous visit.

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

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 Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

The 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-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.25(13)- A written plan of improvement from the provider is due on 10/8/2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a Plan of Improvement to the Department.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2025

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing was observed on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

No medication is being dispensed at this time.

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

The program was observed to complete emergency drills as required.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

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Staffing and Supervision

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

Defer

Comment

The center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

Defer

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591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Defer

Comment

Adequate supervision was observed on this date.

Defer

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