



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/20/2025 VisitType: MV POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:45 AM Departure: 11:10 AM

CCLC-1805

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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.
03/20/2025	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/16/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/16/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	21	C	35	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 43					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	254	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and a plan of improvement follow-up visit.

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.decal.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@decal.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 MV POI Follow Up:

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024

Corrected on 3/20/2025

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The license capacity was in compliance.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure that the cord to the AC unit in classroom C is maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024

Corrected on 3/20/2025

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no hazards observed.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure that the playground fence is unlocked during the center's hours of operation.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024

Corrected on 3/20/2025

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no hazards observed.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Organization

591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024

Corrected on 3/20/2025

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2024

Corrected on 3/20/2025

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All drills were documented and current.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024

Corrected on 3/20/2025

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no animals on the premises.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024

Corrected on 3/20/2025

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no animals on the premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that one out of nine cribs had a loose-fitting sheet that posed a suffocation hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2025

Staff Records

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

Director provided seven files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2024

Corrected on 3/20/2025

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. New staff hired since the last visit.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024

Corrected on 3/20/2025

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There was active supervision in all classrooms.