



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/15/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 5:40 PM

CCLC-66351

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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.
05/15/2025	Initial 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
Building 1	1st Left Blueberry (infants)	Infants	2	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	1st Right Strawberry (ones)	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Building 1	2nd Left Raspberry (twos)	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	2nd Right Peaches (twos)	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 61			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192					
Building 2	back room(Pre-K)	Five Year Olds	2	11	C	23	C	32	C	Free Play
Building 2	Front Room (Pre-K)		0	0	C	17	C	23	C	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192					
Building 3	1st Left (threes)	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Building 3	1st Right Banana (Three and Fours)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	21	C	Outside
Building 3	2nd Left Apples (threes)		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 3	2nd Right Papayas	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	25	C	Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192					
Total # Children this Date: 75		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 164			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Left Playground	99	C
Building 1	Right Playground	83	C

Comments

A final license was not issue on this date based on 6 outstanding citations. The consultant will follow up with the provider in 90 days to review the outstanding violations.

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.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 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:

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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decgal.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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(5) requires Center Staff to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench. It was determined base on observation that the chairs in the two, three and four year old rooms were not appropriately sized as the children feet were dangling and not touching the floor while seated.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide required equipment as noted.

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation that the infants, ones and two year old classrooms did not have a variety of age-appropriate toys or play materials stored on low open shelves available and accessible to the children..

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

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

N/A

Comment

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

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 10

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

Child # 11

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing,.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider the importance of ensuring all child forms are completely filled out with all of information that is required.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2025

Facility**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 164 children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the fence on the playground between the two building were rusted detached, loose and not sturdy from the top on all panels except for the second and last panel. It was also determined that there was rust on the top and side of the fence surrounding the left playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation that there were shrubs, prickly plants and tree branches coming through the back fence on the left playground and on the left fence of the right playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the toilet screws in the Coconut, Papaya and Private Pre-K bathrooms were missing and needed replacing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the pole across the top of the swing along with the chain link on the swing was rusted. It was further determined that a pole was placed in the back of the swing set closest to the building that blocked the fall zone requirements. Additionally the green and beige composite on the right playground had chipped paint and a crack on a ring that needed repaired or replaced.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2025

Technical Assistance

The consultant advised the provider that to have their resilient surfacing re-fluffed and redistributed under the swings and around the brown and green composite on the left playground.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that there were exposed roots around the trees on the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2025

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation that none of the diapering rooms had adequate ventilation and the windows were not being used for diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

Comment

The consultant discussed with the provider to have the sink in the Peaches classroom checked for temperature and pressure.

Correction Deadline: 5/15/2025

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 the Peaches (two year old) and the Strawberry (one year old) did not have an adequate diaper changing surface which was required.

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.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing surface in the infant room was not smooth and was porous.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2025

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

Met

Comment

That proper handshaking observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

The consultant discussed medication documentation, administration, and storage.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

The consultant advised the provider to make sure that all posted notices are posted and that those notices are posted at all entrances.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate discipline was observed. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the director.

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

Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed Ten (10) of ten (10) cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in (2011, 2012, 2018). Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the inspection visit.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Twenty-six (26) of twenty-six (26) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

Comment

The consultant reminded the provider to please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s) in the building as well as in the two transportation vehicles.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on review that there were no lead teachers with written verification of a credential or degree or PLP on file as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

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**

Adequate supervision observed during the inspection visit.