



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/5/2025

VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:25 AM Departure: 10:45 AM

CCLC-58059

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Quality Rated: ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/05/2025	POI Follow Up	Support	
02/04/2025	Licensing Study	Deficient	
08/07/2024	Monitoring Visit	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	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Free Play
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play
Main	C		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	9	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning, Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Total # Children this Date: 29

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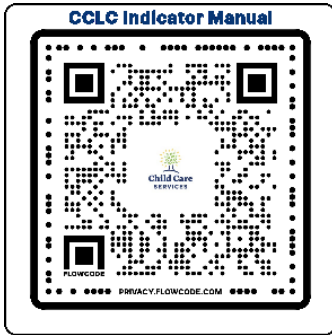
Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	3	C
Main	Right (Large)	12	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older

Comments

A plan of Improvement will need to be submitted through decal koala by March 19, 2025. The plan will need to include the date of correction, how the rule was corrected and how the rule will be maintained.



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: <https://families.decal.ga.gov>.

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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that lesson plans throughout were from the week of February 24, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Recited on 3/5/2025

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Corrected on 3/5/2025

.08(1) - Citation corrected.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that Room D had 10 children present in a room that was licensed for 9 children.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

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 following items were accessible to children in care:

Room A:

- baby wipes and plastic bags under the diapering station
- adult scissors in a shelf within reach

Room BD:

- baby wipes in a book bag
 - Goo Gone under an easel by the sink
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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Recited on 3/5/2025

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Corrected on 3/5/2025

.15(2) - Citation corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, non porous, 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 diapering pad in Room A and Room B was observed to be quilted and did not meet rule requirements that it was not nonporous.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Recited on 3/5/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Corrected on 3/5/2025
.17(7) - Citation corrected.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Corrected on 3/5/2025
.16(f) - Citation corrected.

Policies and Procedures

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have a record of emergency drills for the 2024/2025 year.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2025

Recited on 3/5/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Corrected on 3/5/2025
.30(2) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Corrected on 3/5/2025
.30(2)(c) - Citation corrected.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 8

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2025

Corrected on 3/5/2025
.14(2) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2025

Corrected on 3/5/2025
.24(1) - Citation corrected.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2025

Corrected on 3/5/2025
.33(1) - Citation corrected.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff member (#8) was over 90 days of hire and did not have health and safety orientation for viewing.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2025

Recited on 3/5/2025

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Citation will be deferred until the first regulatory visit of 2026 as center staff have until December 31, 2025 to complete annual training for the 2024 year.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2025

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in Room A two staff members were present within the classroom while a two-year-old child was eating breakfast at the table and staff were walking the classroom and not seated within arms length of the child.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Recited on 3/5/2025