



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 7/16/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:05 PM

**CCLC-52441**  
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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                                            |               |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 07/16/2025                  | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 04/29/2025                  | Licensing Study                            | Good Standing |
| 02/25/2025                  | Incident Investigation Closure             | Good Standing |

**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.

**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 1st Left  | Five Year Olds                    | 1                               | 14       | C    | 26         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                    |
| Main                            | B 2nd Left  | Six Year Olds and Over            | 2                               | 7        | C    | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time                |
| Main                            | C 3rd Left  | Four Year Olds                    | 1                               | 10       | C    | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning, Outside     |
| Main                            | D 4th Left  | Four Year Olds                    | 1                               | 12       | C    | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                    |
| Main                            | E 5th Left  |                                   | 0                               | 0        | C    | 23         | C            | 33         | C            | Not In Use                 |
| Main                            | F 6th Right | Three Year Olds                   | 2                               | 11       | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                    |
| Main                            | G 5th Right | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2                               | 8        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                    |
| Main                            | H 4th Right | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2                               | 5        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                    |
| Main                            | I 3rd Right | One Year Olds                     | 1                               | 6        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                    |
| Main                            | J 2nd Right | One Year Olds                     | 1                               | 6        | C    | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers, Free Play         |
| Main                            | K 1st Right | Infants                           | 2                               | 6        | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Floor Play, Diapering, Nap |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206 |             |                                   | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 247 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                            |
| Total # Children this Date: 85  |             |                                   | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                            |
|                                 |             |                                   | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 247 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                            |

| Building | Playground    | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground<br>Compliance |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Main     | A (inf-2yrs)  | 51                      | C                        |
| Main     | Activity Area | 46                      | C                        |
| Main     | B ( 3-12 yrs) | 135                     | C                        |

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 5                 | 19      | 18      | 30      | 11      | 0                  | 25                |

#### Comments

The Consultant discussed new rule changes that went into effect on July 1, 2025.

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.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.

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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:**

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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.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 CI/MV:

**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**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**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 on Playground, Main Activity Area, there was a drain cover that was not secured and was a hazard to children near the back right side of the area, opposite to the play structure slide.

**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.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(7) requires Center Staff to provide liquid soap, individually dispensed single-use hand towels, single-use wash cloths, and covered storage container for soiled items. It was determined based on observation that in Room Main H 4th Right, the storage container for soiled items was not covered in the bathroom, exposing soiled diapers, as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will secure missing items (lid to garbage) listed and ensure the ongoing availability of all supplies.

**Correction Deadline: 7/16/2025****591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

**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.

**Comment**

Director provided 5 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Met****Comment**

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s). Please replace the thermometer in the first aid kit for the bus.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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|---------------------------------|
| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.