



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/28/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:55 AM **Departure:** 1:10 PM

CCLC-49516

Bright Beginning Early Learning Center

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Same

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. 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.
08/28/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/11/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/14/2023	Licensing Study	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 Afterschool		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B 1-2 Yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Story, Transitioning
Main	C Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	2	C	4	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	D 3-4yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	13	NC	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 61

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 26

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 61

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	83	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	4	8	7	7	0	16

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions.

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.

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@decgal.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:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

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Staff # 9 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2017

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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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(1) - Consultant discussed the ceiling with the Provider.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

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

Comment

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

Health and Hygiene

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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)**Met**

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 10	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3
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Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant discussed crib sheet with the Provider.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3
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Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 5

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/11/2025****Prior Visits: 02/11/2025****Corrected on 8/28/2025**

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file for Staff # 5 on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2025**Prior Visits: 02/11/2025****Corrected on 8/28/2025**

.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file for Staff # 5 on this date.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/21/2025****Corrected on 8/28/2025**

.14(1) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed Staff # 3 and fifty percent of the caregiver Staff had completed a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2025**Prior Visits: 02/11/2025****Corrected on 8/28/2025**

.14(2)(c) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed completion of a biennial training in CPR and a triennial training in First Aid for Staff # 1 and Staff # 3 on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Defer****Correction Deadline: 2/14/2025****Prior Visits: 02/11/2025, 09/14/2023, 01/24/2023****Corrected on 8/28/2025**

.33(4) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage for Staff # 3 and Staff # 11 on this date.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-The previous citation will be addressed on the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2025

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

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on review of staff records that Staff # 1 with a hire date of May 1, 2015, Staff #5 with a hire date of May 1, 2019, and Staff # 9 with a hire date of March 1, 2017, did not meet the minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience for lead caregivers.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2025**Prior Visits: 02/11/2025****Recited on 8/28/2025**

Staffing and Supervision

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 9 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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 on this date.