



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/19/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 7:45 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-35357

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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. 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.
08/19/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/26/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/11/2024	Complaint Closure	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-105	Infants	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Feeding, Floor Play
Main	B-106		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-107	One Year Olds	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-108		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-109		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	
Main	F-110		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	
Main	G-112		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H-113		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-115	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	J-114	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Free Play
Main	K-116		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	
Main	L-117	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	M-111	Three Year Olds	1	2	C	28	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 222			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 254			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Total # Children this Date: 35			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 222			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 254				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant	25	C
Main	Older Two Year Old	28	C
Main	One Year Old	40	C
Main	School Age	75	C
Main	Three and Four	126	C
Main	Water Splash Area	20	C
Main	Young Two Year Olds	30	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
12	11	20	20	8	0	22

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a MV.

Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

- 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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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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Summary 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

591-1-1-.12 - 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

591-1-1-.35 - Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.19 - Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

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 hazards were accessible to children in care:

Room 111:

-vinyl gloves on shelf by the restroom

-Aquaphor, body spray and two bottle of lotion, and triple antibiotic ointment in the staff desk drawer

Room 112/114 restroom:

vinyl gloves, hand soap, baby wipes that pose a suffocation hazard, petroleum jelly, Eucerin, Aquaphor, butt paste and plastic bags within reach

Room 114:

vinyl gloves and trash bags in an unlocked drawer of the diaper station

Room 115:

-disinfectant spray and vinyl gloves on the side of the diaper station within reach

Room 116:

sunscreen and baby wipes and plastic bags that pose a suffocation hazard were in the cubbies within reach

Room 117:

-butt paste, baby wipes that pose a suffocation hazard and Aquaphor in the cubbies within reach of the children

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: 8/19/2025

Prior Visits: 01/21/2020

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

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the gate on the 3-year-old and 4-year-old playground that leads to the another area was broken and not fully enclosed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resilient. It was determined based on observation the blue climber on the 3-year-old and 4-year-old playground (back right) measured to be 3-feet tall and no resilient surfacing was under it.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2025

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the sliding equipment on the school-age playground was in need of being cleaned due to moss. Consultant further discussed that on 2nd left playground a piece of wood was chipping at the entrance that was in need of repair.

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

591-1-1-.10 - Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that in Room 107 a 1-year-old children and in Room 117 a 3-year-old child came in and were not required to wash hands.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025**Prior Visits: 09/11/2019****591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.20 - The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that in Room 111 cold and flu medication was accessible to children in care in the staff desk drawer.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

: Discussed updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center.

Also discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Additional information can be found in the CCLC Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at:

<https://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2025**Safety****591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.11 - Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

591-1-1-.36 - A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.36 - The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the emergency medical forms need to have all area filled out and no blanks left. Consultant discussed the forms need to be updated by the parents by August 20, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2025**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the daily dates need to be listed at the bottom of the transportation logs.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2025

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

591-1-1-.30 - Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

591-1-1-.30 - The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that in Room 105 and 106 a total of 13 a total crib mattresses were in need of being replaced. The center will have all mattresses replaced by September 30, 2025 to meet rules requirements.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025**Prior Visits: 08/01/2022**

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/08/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 24

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

591-1-1-.09(1) - All criminal records checks were reviewed for past and new employees on this date.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2025

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

Comment

591-1-1-.31 - Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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

591-1-1-.32 - Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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 105 and infant was in the high chair drinking a bottle and the staff member was changing a diaper.

It was further determined that in Room 115 two 2-year-old children were eating breakfast and both staff members were standing at the diapering station.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2025**Prior Visits: 06/11/2024**