



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/16/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 3:25 PM

CCLC-15998

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Same

Quality Rated: No

<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.
01/16/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/11/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/05/2023	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	Downstairs-Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap,Circle Time,Transitioning
Main	Downstairs-Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	28	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Upstairs-Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	29	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Upstairs-Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - back playground	133	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	4	13	15	18	0	21

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminder:

Consultant discussed with director the vendor for the Criminal Records Check. Consultant emailed the director during the visit.

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.dec.al.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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Per director center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized. Ensure parents denote physician name and phone number.

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.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained. Consultant discussed with director as a reminder to ensure to inspect indoor and outdoor areas daily for repair issues. Use a checklist when conducting the inspection to ensure areas are not overlooked.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Loose or hanging branches to prevent injury
- Ensure that children's route to playground is free from hazardous items (i.e., water hose, etc.)
- Anchor blue basketball goal to prevent injury of tipping or falling.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the playground is check daily before use to ensure that playground is safe for use. Consultant emailed a playground checklist to director during visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2025

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed sack lunch criteria. Ensure that food brought into the child care program shall be evaluated each day. If the child's sack lunch, ensure the food meets the nutritional requirements an no foods present a choking hazards.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant emailed Choking hazards for mealtime forms and Sack criteria lunches.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**N/A****Comment**

Per director the center does not utilize kitchen, parents provide sack lunches for children.

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

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

A current/completed inspection was conducted October 28, 2024 for vehicle #CSI9917 used in transporting for field trips.

Comment

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) - Ensure the Director and each Staff person who is responsible for or who participates in the transporting children shall complete two (2) clock hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation. Please ensure two renew every two-years.

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

Consultant observed staff to have satisfactory criminal record checks electronically on this date.

Comment

Director provided two staff files for employees hired since last visit conducted on June 11, 2024. Consultant observed two of two new hires to have a satisfactory records check electronically on this date.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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 on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant discussed with director to ensure that staff post number of ratios to ensure that all staff are aware of the number of children present at all times.