



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/25/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-3305

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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.
07/25/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/15/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/19/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	Infant	Infants	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	One's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Three's and Four's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Two's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Young One's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 35					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	23	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	12	11	17	6	0	0

Comments

A Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date and previous rule violations were reviewed.

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 MV:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that two upright vacuum cleaners were stored on top of the children's cubbies in two-year-old classroom creating a tipping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Prior Visits: 08/15/2024

Recited on 7/25/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with Director and staff to monitor and ensure baby wipes are stored inaccessible to children. Also, please ensure the closet next to the three-year-old / four-year-old bathroom is locked to ensure hazards do not become accessible to children. Please ensure all electrical cords are secured and not looped or in reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Prior Visits: 08/15/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the small green table in the infant classroom and the front of the pink diapering cabinet area in the two-year-old/three-year-old classroom is repaired or repainted where chipping paint is developing.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Prior Visits: 08/15/2024

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the fencing is cleaned to remove the residue that is developing, please reposition the back left fencing to ensure it is stable and not leaning. Also discussed with Director to ensure the gap at the bottom of the fencing on the left playground near the gate is repaired so that it does not measure more than three and a half inches.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Prior Visits: 02/07/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with Director to monitor playground equipment and ensure it is in good repair. Please remove the small plastic pink car that is developing cracks from the right playground. Also discussed please ensure the wooden climber on the left toddler playground has the wooden slat replaced that is missing.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the resilient surfacing under the climber and jeep slide/climber on the right playground measures at least six inches in all fall zone areas.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2025

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 an observation that the following hazards were present on the playground:

left playground:

- a broken chair was observed next to the deck area
- two pieces of wood with exposed nails was on the deck area next to the door
- weeds/tall grass was observed growing on the playground area
- stacked chairs and broken toys were observed in the area leading from the two-year-old classroom to the playground

right playground:

- trash and weeds were observed growing on the playground area
- two wooden slats were observed missing from under the porch area

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.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2025

Prior Visits: 09/02/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(1) - Consultant discussed with the Director and staff to ensure the windows are open during diapering to meet the ventilation requirements. When windows are raised open, a screen should be in place and they should remain that way without requiring an object such as a block of wood, books, a broom handle, etc. to hold them open as this poses a hazard for children.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, 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 pads in the two-year-old and one-year-old classrooms had rips in the material and the foam was exposed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2025

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently has not dispensed any medication recently.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(a-o) - 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.

Correction Deadline: 7/30/2025

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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant discussed with Director and staff to ensure crib sheets are changed/washed daily as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Prior Visits: 08/08/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on an observation that one infant was observed sleeping in crib with two crib mattresses stacked on top of each other.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - 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: 8/24/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(1) - Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024

Prior Visits: 08/08/2023

Corrected on 7/25/2025

.33(3)(a)-(k) - Correction in the previous citation in that consultant observed evidence of staff hired more than ninety days ago to have completed the required Health and Safety Training.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2025

Corrected on 7/25/2025

.33(5) - Correction of the previous citation, consultant observed staff to have evidence of completing the required 10 hours of training for 2024.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(b)1. - New - • 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.

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2025

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)

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 two staff members in the two-year-old/three-year-old classroom were observed to be standing up, walking around, putting out cots and serving food, while 10 two-year-old children and three; three-year-old children were eating at the table and one staff member in the one-year-old classroom was observed to be standing up while eight one-year-old children were eating at the table. Staff was not seated and within an arm's length of the children as required.

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: 7/25/2025

Prior Visits: 08/15/2024

Recited on 7/25/2025