



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/6/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-24379

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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.
08/06/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/09/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/21/2025	Complaint Investigation & 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	1L	GA PreK	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	1R	Infants	2	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap,Feeding
Main	2L Pre-K	GA PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	2R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Lunch, Floor Play,Music
Main	3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers,Lunch
Main	3R	One Year Olds	3	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Story, Free Play
Main	4L		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	4R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside,Lunch,T ransitioning
Main	5R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transition ing,Outside
Main	6R	Three Year Olds	3	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 201

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 126

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A 6Wk-24 Mo	23	C
Main	B- Preschool	42	C
Main	C-School Age	34	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
15	22	19	45	56	0	23

Comments

All core rules were evaluated and reviewed with the Director on this date.

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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a CI/MV:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(6) - Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

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

Not Evaluated

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)

Not Met

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 on this date:

2L Pre-K:

-A staff bag was located on the floor by the closet on the front left side of the classroom.

-A staff bad was located by the staff desk in the middle of the right side of the classroom.

5R:

-A plunger was on the right side of the toilet in the children's restroom.

-A pack of Simple Truth Fragrance Free Baby Wipes was located in a basket on the shelf in the children's restroom.

-A vinyl glove was located in a basket on the shelf in the children's restroom.

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: 8/6/2025

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to keep children clean, dry, and comfortable during the visit.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

Correction Deadline: 6/4/2025

Prior Visits: 05/21/2025

Corrected on 8/6/2025

.11(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed appropriate discipline practices during the visit.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that safety checks are conducted by a professional annually as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2025

Prior Visits: 03/15/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the vehicle used for transportation (tag # AZR6537) had exposed foam on the back left row at the side of the seat.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2025

Prior Visits: 05/21/2025

Corrected on 8/6/2025

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed completed transportation documentation on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025**Prior Visits: 11/14/2024****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(2)(b) - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025 programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2025

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)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.