



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/8/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:10 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-35302

Berean Christian Early Learning Academy

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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.
01/08/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/03/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/22/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
			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.

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 1st Left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B 1st right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	C 2nd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D 2nd Right		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E 3rd Left	One Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F 3rd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	G 4th Left		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H 4th Right	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	I 5th Right	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	J 6th Right	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	K 5th Left	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	L Rear Middle		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 178			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Total # Children this Date: 61		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 178			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	19	C
Main	B 2nd Right	105	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	8	17	18	210	0	1

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Licensing 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.decal.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-25(11) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. Please ensure that all area rugs are smooth, to prevent a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) THE Consultant discussed the director that infant crib mattresses must be firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Please make sure that all required signs (communicable disease chart) are posted and up to date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 -The Consultant discussed with the Director that crib mattresses must be firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2025

Staff Records**Comment**

Director provided [5] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center.

Comment

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

Comment

Documentation observed of required 2023 staff training.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.