



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/7/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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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.
03/07/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/03/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/29/2023	Licensing Study	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
First	Room A	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
First	Room B		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
First	Room C	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Music, Story
First	Room E		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 46			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Second	Pre-K	GA PreK	2	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Third	3's		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
First	Playground (Front)	23	C
Second	Pre-K Playground	15	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	6	12	16	7	13	56

Comments

An in person licensing study was conducted 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.decga.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decga.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

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure the Center keeps current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development and reflect the current date.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2025

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)

N/A

Comment

The Director stated the Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please repair, replace, or remove the chipped paint on the tic tac toe toy on the Second Pre-K Playground.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2025**Food Service****Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024****Corrected on 3/7/2025**

.15(2)(g) - This citation was corrected on this date in that based on observation, all children were seated during meal time as required.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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

The Director stated the Center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

The Director stated the Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

The Director stated the Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 16	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
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Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Corrected on 3/7/2025

.09(1)(b) - This citation was corrected on this date in that based on a review of records, the director had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Corrected on 3/7/2025

.09(1)(c) - This citation was corrected on this date in that based on a review of records all staff members had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Corrected on 3/7/2025

.09(1)(l)3. - This citation was corrected on this date in that based on a review of records there were no staff with expired Comprehensive Records Check Determination letters.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2024

Corrected on 3/7/2025

.31(2)(b)2. - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed that all lead teachers on this date, which include Staff #1, Staff #6, and Staff #11, were enrolled in a CDA program with completion expected by August 1, 2025.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Corrected on 3/7/2025

.32(2) - This citation was corrected on this date in that based on observation all classrooms had the correct number of staff to children ratio as required.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Corrected on 3/7/2025

.32(7) - This citation was corrected on this date in that based on observation a staff member was within arm's reach at all times when children were eating during mealtimes.