



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/6/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:20 PM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                   |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 05/06/2025                  | Monitoring Visit  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/11/2024                  | Licensing Study   | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/25/2023                  | Complaint Closure | 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                            | A (Yonim A & B) | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds                       | 5     | 14       | C                             | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Main                            | B (Ayalim B)    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 2     | 8        | C                             | 24         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Main                            | C (Doobim)      | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds                     | 2     | 17       | C                             | 25         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Main                            | D (Ayalim A)    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                    | 2     | 14       | C                             | 20         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Main                            | E (G'Daim B)    | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds                     | 2     | 12       | C                             | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Main                            | F (G'Daim A)    | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds                     | 2     | 9        | C                             | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Main                            | G (G'Daim C)    | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds                     | 2     | 8        | C                             | 14         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Main                            | H (Yonim C)     | Two Year Olds                                         | 1     | 10       | C                             | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Main                            | I (Ayalim C)    | One Year Olds                                         | 2     | 6        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap   |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168 |                 |                                                       |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |       |
| Total # Children this Date: 98  |                 |                                                       |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |       |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A-LARGE    | 53                   | C                     |

|      |                       |    |   |
|------|-----------------------|----|---|
| Main | B- Toddler Playground | 10 | C |
|------|-----------------------|----|---|

| Enrolled Children |         |         |         |         |                    |                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 years     | 1 years | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years (Prekonly) | 5 years and older |
| 0                 | 18      | 54      | 29      | 18      | 0                  | 0                 |

#### **Comments**

Jodi Sadler the director was not present on this date, however Heather Lieberfarb was available to meet in her place. Both Ms. Sadler and Ms. Lieberfarb have also confirmed that Amy Blechman is in training to become the Director when Jodi Sadler retires this month.

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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto: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 Monitoring Visit:

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)

N/A

Comment

The Assistant Director stated tthe 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.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2025

.25(13) - This citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed that in all classrooms plastic bags, wipes and diaper creams were stored up high out of reach of children. Additionally, there were no plug-ins plugged in within reach of children

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2025

.25(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. The consultant did not observe peeling paint on any classroom walls on this date.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

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 observation that the weed barrier at the back of the Main A-Large playground was uncovered and loose posing a tripping hazard.

**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: 5/6/2025**

**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**

Staff stated proper hand washing and hygiene procedures 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**

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

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Assistant Director stated the Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****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 observation in the Main A (Yonim A & B) classroom, that two 1-year-old children were sleeping in cribs with a nap roll blanket.

**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: 5/6/2025**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2025

.09(1)(c) - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed Staff #4 had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file. All other Staff employed by the Center had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2024

Corrected on 5/6/2025

.09(1)(I)3. - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed that the Center had immediately required new Comprehensive Records Check Determinations for Staff employed by the Center at least once every five years

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/2/2025

Corrected on 5/6/2025

.14(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed Staff #1, Staff #4, and Staff #10 had completed training in CPR and first aid. Staff #18 from the previous regulatory visit was no longer employed at the Center.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2025

Corrected on 5/6/2025

.33(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. A review of records showed Staff #12, Staff #13, and Staff #30 had completed Health and Safety training. Staff #14 from the previous regulatory visit was no longer employed at the Center.

**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.