



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/17/2025 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:15 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

CCLC-39883

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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.
03/17/2025	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/31/2025	Licensing Study	Support	
08/08/2024	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	A	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	11	C	Circle Time
Main	C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 28							
Total # Children this Date: 15			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 28				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	39	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a Plan of Improvement follow-up visit.

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.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@decal.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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/20/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025

Corrected on 3/17/2025

.12(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The blue couch had been removed. All toys were clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025

Corrected on 3/17/2025

.12(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The TV had been removed.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Date of Hire: 02/20/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025

Corrected on 3/17/2025

.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The PVC barrier and landscape tarp had been removed.

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/20/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025

Corrected on 3/17/2025

.10(5) - this citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate supervision during diapering was discussed and observed.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025

Corrected on 3/17/2025

.10(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All food products were stored away from the changing table.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/20/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025

Corrected on 3/17/2025

.30(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The staff member stated appropriate knowledge of safe sleep.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/20/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member # 2 and staff member # 4 did not have evidence of completed CPR and First Aid training on file within the first 90 days of employment as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2025

Recited on 3/17/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation was not evaluated on this date. It will be evaluated after January 1, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2026

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.-This citation was not evaluated on this date. The correction deadline is May 1, 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2025

Staffing and Supervision

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/20/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025****Corrected on 3/17/2025****.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate supervision was observed to be evaluated throughout the visit.**