



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/22/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:10 PM **Departure:** 1:10 PM

CCLC-3990

Sanctuary Child Learning And Development Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
09/22/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/29/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/01/2024	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
Building 2	Room 1	Infants	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 2	Room 2	Infants	1	2	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	Room 3	Infants	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Building 2	Room 4	Infants	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 2	Room 5	Infants	2	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 2	Room 6	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Building 2	Room 7	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Building 2	Room 8	Infants	2	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	1st left 209 A	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	1st right 206	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd left 209 B	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2nd right 204	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	3rd left 207	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	3rd right 202	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4th left 205	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	5th left 203	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	6th left 201	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A	One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play

Main	B	One Year Olds	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D	One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	H	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 230					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 215					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 307					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Infant Playground	36	C
Main	Large Preschool	41	C
Main	Small Toddler	31	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
53	61	60	63	14	0	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and follow up on previous rule violations.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure all aquariums in classrooms are secured with heavy velcro or a strap to prevent tipping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2025

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

N/A

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure baby wipes, rubber gloves and empty ziploc bags are stored inaccessible to children at all times. Also discussed to monitor the cabinets under the sink in the upstairs hallway to ensure cleaning products are not stored in the unlocked cabinets.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2025

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2025

Corrected on 9/22/2025

.25(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date; ceiling tiles were in good repair, without water spots, there was no chipping paint observed present in any classrooms.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure the building is repaired or repainted on the preschool playground where rust is developing at the bottom of the wall close to the doors.

Correction Deadline: 10/2/2025

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 remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2025

Corrected on 9/22/2025

.20(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected, Director stated no medication is dispensed at this time. There was no medication observed stored in classrooms on this date.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(1)(a-o) - Discussed updating the Center's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Center.

Also discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Center to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2025

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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2) - Consultant discussed with Director and staff to ensure infants using the Merlin's Magic Sleep suit have a physicians letter of permission on file.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) - Consultant discussed with Director to ensure all sports shots staff, who offer activities at the center, have their background letters ported to the center prior to being present at the center.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2025

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. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2025

Corrected on 9/22/2025

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected. Consultant observed all staff hired more than 90 days to have evidence of up to date CPR/First Aid training.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(1) - : Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(5)(a) - New - • Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2025

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Consultant discussed with Director and staff to ensure staff remain seated and within an arms length of children 36 months old and younger during meal times to supervise meals and prevent choking.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2025