



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/21/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-37405

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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.
02/21/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
11/13/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/19/2024	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
Main	A-1L-109- Tiny Tappers		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-2L-108 -Tiny Tappers	One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C-3L-107G	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D-4L-106	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E-5R- Shooting Stars B	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	F-4R- Shooting Stars A	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	G-3R-103D-Show Kids	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H-2R-Tiny Tappers A	One Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	I-1R- Tiny Dreamers	Infants	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	M-2 floor-School age/Art	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Homework
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department		
Total # Children this Date: 66		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	B- All Ages-Left side of Bldg	66	C

Main	Playgd A- Back of Bldg	15	C
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Comments

The purpose of the visit is to follow up on previous visit and conduct a Complaint Investigation. The Investigation was not completed on the day of the visit. The Director will be notified of the outcome of the investigation.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/07/2025

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.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.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2024

Corrected on 2/21/2025

.25(13) - Previous citation was corrected as no hazards were observed accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2024

Corrected on 2/21/2025

.25(3) - Previous citation was corrected as consultant observed that the needed repairs were completed.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that Staff #3 with date of hire August 2, 2024, who was present and caring for children in room B-2L-108-Tiny Tappers. had a Satisfactory Comprehensive Background Check as of August 25, 2023 under a different license number. The portability expired on August 27, 2024 and the background check was not ported to the provider as required. No new Application was submitted to the Department and a fingerprinting site.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that Staff #3 with date of hire August 2, 2024, who was present and caring for children in room B-2L-108-Tiny Tappers. had a Satisfactory Comprehensive Background Check as of August 25, 2023 under a different license number. The portability expired on August 27, 2024 and the background check was no ported to the provider as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024

Corrected on 2/21/2025

.33(5) - Previous citation was corrected as training for 2024 was observed.