



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/12/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-54036

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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.
02/12/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/10/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/10/2024	Complaint Investigation & 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-1 Crawler/6wk-12mo	Infants	0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Music,Floor Play
Main	A2-Wee Toddler A-12-18 mo	One Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A3-Toddler 2yrs	Three Year Olds	2	21	C	23	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Main	A4-3A Preschool	One Year Olds	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Music,Free Play
Main	A5- 4A -Preschool - 4 years	Three Year Olds	2	22	C	23	C	NA	NA	Story,Circle Time,Music
Main	A6-School-age	Three Year Olds	3	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Music
Main	B1-Infant 6wk-6mo	Infants	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Music,Diapering ,Free Play
Main	B2-Wee Toddler 18-24 mo	Three Year Olds	3	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Story
Main	B3 - 3B - Toddler 24-30 mo	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	B4 Ga Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Music
Main	B5 - Preschool 4's	GA PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transiti oning,Circle Time
Main	B6-4C		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 244	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 171	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 244	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A1 6wk-12mo	21	C
Main	A2 2-12 yrs	28	C
Main	B1 6wks-1 yr	25	C
Main	B2 2-12 yr	58	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
15	22	44	56	49	15	31

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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:

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 Licensing Study:

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Met

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

Food Service

591-1-1.15 Food Service & Nutrition Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1.18 Kitchen Operations Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1.17 Hygiene(CR) Technical Assistance

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.17(6) - Please ensure trash and garbage are removed from the building daily or as often as necessary to keep the premises clean.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2025

591-1-1.20 Medications(CR) N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1.21 Operational Policies & Procedures Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

591-1-1.05 Animals N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR) Met

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure cots are stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2025

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.