



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

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-58140
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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.
06/05/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/15/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/27/2023	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-B23 - Colts	One Year Olds	2	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B - B22 - Lambs Infants	Infants	3	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Na p
Main	C - B16 Cubs - Older Infants	One Year Olds	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Story
Main	D - C5 Owls	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-C8 HORSES	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	F C6 - BEARS		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G C9-GAZELLES	Three Year Olds	3	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H C17 LIONS	Six Year Olds and Over	2	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	I B18 Colt's 2		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J B23 COLTS		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 172

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 48

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 172

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-FR-0-4 YRS	53	C
Main	B - B22 Lambs (Infants)	63	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	12	8	15	21	0	34

Comments

The provider stated medication is administered. No field trips or swimming activities are provided. Routine transportation is provided. The director stated six new staff have been hired since the last 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.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.

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:

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@decgal.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

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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

Met

Comment

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities through out the center.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Comment

591-1-1-.26(4) - Due to minor fencing damage during the hurricane, the center has ordered new fencing for the entire playgrounds. During his visit, the provider called the vendor. The vendor is waiting on materials to arrive, then will contact the provider to schedule installation. The center is completing playground checks at a minimum of once a day and more often as they feel needed. There were no fencing hazards during this visit.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2025

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety**Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

Records Reviewed: 26**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 26**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 6 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

591-1-1-.14(2) - The center will ensure that all Staff members 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

Correction Deadline: 7/5/2025

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 26**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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