



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/27/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 2:00 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-46305

Candy Cane's Learning Center

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Same

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.
03/27/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/16/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/07/2024	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 - 2's	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
main	B - 3's and up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	22	C	30	C	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 48					
Total # Children this Date: 16					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 48					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
main	A - all	25	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	8	3	6	0	4

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a licensing study.

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.al.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 user id 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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 10 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 1 Not Met

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 10 Not Met

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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.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 3 Not Met

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 10

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 10

Not Met

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 3

Not Met

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.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 10

Not Met

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.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(2) requires the initial Center orientation to include the following subjects: the Center's policies and procedures; the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; the Staff person's assigned duties and responsibilities; reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; emergency weather plans; the program's emergency preparedness plan; childhood injury control; the administration of medicine; reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); hand washing; fire safety; water safety; and prevention of HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens. It was determined based a review of records that four staff members did not have documented evidence of employee orientation as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide orientation in all missing subjects to the employee(s) and will take steps to provide a complete orientation to new Employees in the future.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2025**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) - Director will complete CDA training in approximately 6 months.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2025**Staffing and Supervision**

Staff # 1

Not Met

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Staff # 3

Not Met

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Staff # 10

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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/16/2024****Corrected on 3/27/2025****.32(4) - Citation observed corrected on this date.****591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.