



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/6/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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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.
01/06/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/04/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/25/2023	Complaint Closure	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	1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	1R	GA PreK	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	2L	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2R	GA PreK	2	18	C	36	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	3L	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	3R	GA PreK	2	19	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	26	C	40	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4R	GA PreK	2	18	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 129		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGR- A left side	30	C
Main	PGR B- Large Rear Area	95	C
Main	PGR C Right Side	38	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	4	8	29	62	34	12

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

- Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.
- Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director. The consultant left a copy of Required Reporting Guidelines. Consultant emailed Required Reporting Guidelines to director during 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.decal.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.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

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on an observation that the white bench in classroom 3R was actively peeling paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment are in safe usable condition. Consultant discussed with director to ensure the staff inspect the for broken toys and equipment, replace if needed.

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2025

Recited on 1/6/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Ensure equipment and furniture are secured to prevent injury of tripping and/or falling. Consultant discussed with director to ensure shelves are free from clutter or any item that could injure a child if it fell over, or if it was tipped, pulled, or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Per director center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure to check fans regularly and repair as needed, as well as ensure that the vents are cleaned regularly throughout the building.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2025

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)**Not Met****Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, vacuums) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., antibacterial wipes, plastic bag, diaper wipes, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to children at all times. Consultant further discussed with director observe the storage of hazardous equipment, materials, and supplies throughout the center. Check to ensure these items are stored in areas that are locked/latched or out of children's reach. Check product labels to ensure all items that are labeled "Keep Out of Reach of Children" are inaccessible..

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation the following items were not clean or in good repair:

- Classroom 1R - Two tile above the toilet was not secured in the ceiling.
- Classroom 2L - Two ceiling tiles above the sink were observed to be stained.
- Classroom 4I- The ceiling tile around the sprinkler system contained a crack.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2025

Recited on 1/6/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with director to please ensure electrical outlet and cords should be made inaccessible, and children should be taught that all outlets and electrical cords are potentially dangerous.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined that the heating and cooling unit on Pre school age, middle playground gate had a 4 inch gap which is a potential entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and will repair any hazards to prevent any potential entrapment. The center will repair the fence to prevent access to the equipment.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2025

Recited on 1/6/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint, etc.).
- Excessive leaves to prevent injury from slipping and/or falling.
- Monitor for loose or hanging branches over the playground area, remove if needed

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure to conduct playground check routinely. Consultant emailed a playground checklist during visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2025

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Consultant observed infant feeding forms are current and updated.

Comment

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name and date.

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)****Not Met****Comment**

Please ensure that staff members immediately wash their hands and children's hands upon completing the diapering procedures

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on a observation that the exhaust fan above the diapering area in classroom 2L was inoperable on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2025

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Per director the facility currently does not dispense/administer medication. The center administered emergency medication only.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2023

Corrected on 1/6/2025

.20(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed emergency medication only, medication was observed in a locked cabinet inaccessible to children.

Policies and Procedures

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on observation that lockdown drills for the year 2024 were not conducted.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2025

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

N/A

Comment

Per director the center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The consultant observed the following vehicles to have evidence of a current vehicle inspection report:

- Vehicle tag # QFN9702 - conducted October, 3, 2024.
- Vehicle tag # CLQ8918- conducted August 5, 2024.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure the seat belt holder remains in good repair, replace or repair when needed. Consultant discussed with director to ensure to conduct routine bus safety checks.

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2025

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed cribs/cots labeled for individual use.

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Ensure that all cribs have an individual, tight-fitting sheet to reduce the risk of suffocation.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2025

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed to staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive record check electronically on this date.

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit conducted on October 4, 2023. Consultant observed to five of five staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive record check electronically on this date.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date. Consultant emailed a Required training FAQs to director during visit

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**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.