



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/20/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:00 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-3451

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Same

Quality Rated: No

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.
02/20/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/20/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/07/2024	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	Hamm - 2132		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Hamm- 2134	Three Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g
Main	Hamm-2135	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Hamm-2144	Four Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Hamm-2145		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Hamm-2146	Four Year Olds	2	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Hamm-2151	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Hamm-2154	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Kenan 2064	Four Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g
Main	Kenan 2068	Four Year Olds	3	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Kenan 2070	Three Year Olds	3	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Kenan-2062	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Kenan-2063	Three Year Olds	3	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Kenan-2064	Four Year Olds	2	9	C	24	C	NA	NA	Art,Transitioning
Main	Kenan-2065	Four Year Olds	3	16	C	15	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning,Art
Main	Kenan-2067	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	23	C	NA	NA	Art,Transitioning
Main	Stepping Stones - 1020	Four Year Olds	3	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap

Main	Stepping Stones-1017	Four Year Olds	3	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Stepping Stones-1018	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 299			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 151		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 299			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	307	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	25	51	96	54	0

Comments

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

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 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

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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.

Comment

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

591-1-1-26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with Director maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

591-1-1-15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

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

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

Consultant discussed with staff 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

Consultant reviewed electronic documentation for medication dispensing complete.

Safety

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

Per Director the program does not participate in field trips.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

Comment

Per Director the program does not provide routine transportation , or program does not participate in field trips.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

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

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

Met

Comment

consultant reviewed criminal record checks to be complete.

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-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.