



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/14/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:20 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-33284

The Chestnut Treehouse III

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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.
08/14/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/12/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/26/2023	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 - 1st Right	One Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B - 2nd Right	Infants	1	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C - 3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D - Back Right	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E - Back Left		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	F - 2nd Left	GA PreK	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G - 1st Left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 44					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 6wk to 23mth	7	C
Main	Playground B - School Age	22	C
Main	Playground C - Preschool	36	C
Main	Playground D - 2's	23	C

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

Comments

A licensing visit was conducted on this date. An updated weather watch chart was emailed. Discussed new rule updates/changes with owner.

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.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 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 LS:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/03/2024

"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 on this date.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/03/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/03/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

Food Service**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/03/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

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

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/03/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/03/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/03/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.
RTU9509- 1/24/2025

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.
week of 8/4/2025- 8/11/2025- cedar hill elem

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/03/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation 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: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/03/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/12/2024****Prior Visits: 08/12/2024****Corrected on 8/14/2025**

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that everyone was observed to have a current comprehensive CRC.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center Staff certified in First Aid and CPR containing emergency care for infants and children on this date.

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.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/03/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.