



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/5/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:15 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-903

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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.
09/05/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/18/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/26/2024	POI Follow Up	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	Room A - First Left Room	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	C	15	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Room B - Second Left	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	29	C	29	C	Outside
Main	Room C - Rear	GA PreK	2	18	C	29	C	29	C	Outside
Main	Room D - Third Right	GA PreK	2	18	C	32	C	32	C	Centers
Main	Room E - Second Right	Infants	2	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play
Main	Room F - First Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	33	C	NA	NA	Clean Up, Free Play
Main	Room G - Middle Room		0	0	C	22	C	22	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 112			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 86			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 112				Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	16	20	19	40	0	1

Comments

Consultant discuss the new rule changes that were effective July 1, 2025.

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 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 LS:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 18

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.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Discussed with the Director to please ensure lesson plan are posted and updated regularly.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Prior Visits: 09/18/2024

Comment

Age-appropriate activities observed throughout the center.

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

Technical Assistance

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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Discussed with the Director to ensure the plush materials, such as blocks and climbing equipment, are free of rips and tears.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Prior Visits: 01/30/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2024

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.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 18

Not Met

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Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms	Met
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Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

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

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

The Center appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024

Prior Visits: 01/30/2024

Corrected on 9/5/2025

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed all storage closets to be locked at the time of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2024

Prior Visits: 01/30/2024

Corrected on 9/5/2025

.25(3) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed sinks in all classrooms to be in good working order.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed with the Director to ensure there was no chipped paint on the play structure such as the swings and stair rails.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Prior Visits: 01/30/2024

Food Service

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2024

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.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2025

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Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Kitchen appeared clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024****Prior Visits: 01/30/2024****Corrected on 9/5/2025****.10(1) - Previous citation observed corrected on this date. Consultant observed staff use windows, with screens, as a form of ventilation during diapering at the time of the visit.****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation the diapering pad in classroom F - First Right had rips and tears in which prevented the pad to be nonporous.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025**Prior Visits: 08/11/2022**

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation staff in classroom F - First Right failed to remind a child to wash their hands after diapering.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Not Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

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

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on review of records the inspection form, for the vehicle used to transport children, was not on file at the time of the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2025**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Discussed with the Director to please ensure cots are covered throughout the day when they are stored in the classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Staff Records

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 05/06/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided eight files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles on this date.

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Discussed with the director to ensure that, effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that programs must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training in each classroom at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2025

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(1) - Discussed with the Director that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file before they are assigned to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Prior Visits: 08/11/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) - New - Discussed with the Director to ensure all staff have a completed Health and Safety on file or available at the time of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(4) - Discussed with the Director to please ensure Nutritional training is equivalent to four hours.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2025

Prior Visits: 03/09/2022**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation training observed. on this date.

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

Discussed with the Director 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**Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 6

Not Met

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"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

Staff # 18

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 19

Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

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.