



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/31/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-63880
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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.
01/31/2025	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/10/2024	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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 - Main Hall-Right	One Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	25	C	18	NC	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning,Lunch,Nap
Main	B- Main Hall-Left	One Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers,Lunch,Nap,Transitioning
Main	C Right Hall - Left	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning,Lunch,Outside
Main	D-Right Hall-Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning,Lunch
Main	E- Left Hall-Right	GA PreK	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap,Outside,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	F-Left Hall-Left	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Outside,Nap,Transitioning
Main	G-Lunchroom		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H - Library		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-Behind Lunchroom	One Year Olds	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Nap,Outside

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations
Total # Children this Date: 87	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	126	C
Main	B	91	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	29	18	24	10	29	45

Comments

An in person Licensing Study was conducted on this day. The center director stated no medication is administered, no field trips, routine transportation, or swimming activities are provided. The center director stated they have twenty-six staff with six staff being newly hired.

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/RuleAndRegulations.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 24

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities through out the center.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.12(2)-This citation was deferred until the next visit. The center had a work order and maintenance staff was working to correct hazards. The maintenance staff was placed on medical leave due to a trauma. The maintenance staff has recently returned and working to make the corrections.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2024

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 24 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation and pictures taken that eight packs of Parent's Choice diaper wipes was stored on the bottom shelf located between the two Pre-K classrooms and accessible to the children

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The center director will ensure that the Center and surrounding premises are 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 (The white particle board located at the bottom of the middle toilet located between the Pre-K classrooms is peeling and exposing cardboard, and accessible to the children. One of 8 seats located on one of four round tables in the cafeteria was missing a seat, leaving a metal bar with rough edges).

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025

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 based on observation that the playground fence was not attached at the bottom of both playgrounds, random areas), and had a gap that measured 2 inches to more than 4 inches causing an entrapment hazard. The fence separating the toddler playground from the after school playground was detached from the fence causing an entrapment hazard. Additionally there was fifty-five bolts throughout both playgrounds that were turned inward of the playground and more than two threads long.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2025

Recited on 1/31/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation and pictures taken that the large blue composite on the playground was being used by two, three, and four-year-old children when the manufacture age is 5-12.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2025

Recited on 1/31/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 3

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Staff # 24

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.10(1)-The center has a work order with a contractor to install an exhaust fan. Currently they are using a window.

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: 10/10/2024

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: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 3

Not Met

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Records Reviewed: 26**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 24

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 24

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2024

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

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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.

Comment

Currently the center has no infants enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2025**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate,.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 24

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 6 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of 50% 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.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. All lead staff have completed their CDA and waiting for their observation visit.

Staffing and Supervision

Staff # 3

Not Met

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Staff # 24

Not Met

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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.