



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

Arrival: 9:20 AM Departure: 12:25 PM

CCLC-38702

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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.
05/05/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/28/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/21/2024	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	A - 1R	Infants	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B - 2R		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C - 3R	One Year Olds	1	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D - Middle	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E - 3L	Five Year Olds	1	12	C	25	C	35	C	Circle Time
Main	F - 2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	28	C	Centers
Main	G - 1L	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	28	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 105		Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 105		Building @25 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Right	22	C
Main	B - Back	139	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	9	14	9	9	14	8

Comments

A copy of this report was sent to the Center on this day.

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.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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.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

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/04/2025

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2024

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Staff # 11

Not Met

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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.

Evening Care

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2022

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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Staff # 6 Not Met

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591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**N/A****Comment**

No evening care hours provided

Facility

Staff # 4 Not Met

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Staff # 6 Not Met

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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.

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 on Playground B-Back the back right gate on the fence has a gap that measured 5 inches. It was further observed that on the left side of the B-Back Playground the gate had a gap measuring 6 inches between the gate and the post.

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: 5/12/2025**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was approximately 3 inches of resilient surfacing in the fall zone surrounding the swings on playground A-Right where 6 inches were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2025**Recited on 5/5/2025****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

- Playground B-Back had exposed tree roots along the left, right and middle sides of the playground that posed a potential tripping hazard.
- On Playground B-Back the mat outside of the classroom door was worn and curled up around the back side creating a tripping hazard.
- On Playground A-Right there were leaves and bushes growing through the entire right side fence and accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor before children are allowed outdoor play time. The Consultant discussed with the Director to spray roots with bright color spray paint or add mulch, pea gravel, or mats to prevent tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2025**Recited on 5/5/2025**

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 4

Not Met

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/04/2025

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2024

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Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/22/2021

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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

Staff state 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**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2022

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Staff # 6

Not Met

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Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2024

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Staff # 11

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Date of Hire: 06/22/2021

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.05(2) - Please ensure that the hamster cage is assembled correctly as to prevent any openings in the corners that can be accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2025

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2022

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/04/2025

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2024

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Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/22/2021

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2022

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Staff # 6

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Date of Hire: 02/04/2025

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2024

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/22/2021

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education Missing

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/27/2024****Corrected on 5/5/2025****.33(5) - The previous citation has been observed to be corrected. All staff have the required 10 hours of annual training.****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on review of the records that staff #4, hired on November 17, 2023, staff # 6, hired on May 20, 2021, staff #9, hired on September 7, 2022, and staff # 11, hired on June 4, 2024 did not have the minimum academic requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2025**Staffing and Supervision**

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2022

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Staff # 6

Not Met

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Staff # 9

Not Met

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Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/22/2021

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.31(2)(b)2.-Staff Qualifications-Education 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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.