



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/10/2025 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:05 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-11072

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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.
02/10/2025	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/19/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/25/2024	Incident Investigation 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
Building 1	1L Turtles	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	1R Cuddle Bugs/Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	24	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Building 1	2L Turtles	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	2R Butterfly I	One Year Olds	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	3L Bumble Bees I		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	3R Pre-k	GA PreK	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Story
Building 1	4L Bumble bees II	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 131					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	Back first left Butterfly 4 PreK3	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Back Left Middle Butterfly 3 PreK2	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Back Right Private PreK Dolphins	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Caterpillars II 2nd Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Main 1st Left Caterpillars I	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 97					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Playground Back Middle	74	C
Building 1	Playground Patio	9	C
Building 1	Playground Toddler Right	18	C
Main	Playground Back Right	43	C

Comments

02-10-25: The purpose of today's visit was to conduct an investigative site visit and follow up on previous citations.

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.state.ga.us/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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

		Facility
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591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

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 an observation that the playgrounds listed did not have the required resilient surface as follows:

--Playground Back Middle: the yellow slide had three inches of resilient surface when six inches were required; yellow slide pole had two inches of resilient surface when six inches were required; gray climbing equipment had three inches of resilient surface when six inches were required; and the swings had four inches of resilient surface when six were required.

--Playground Toddler Right: the swings had one inch of resilient surface when six inches were required; gray climbing equipment had three inches of resilient surface when six inches were required; and the red spiral slide had three inches of resilient surface when six 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: 3/10/2025

Recited on 2/10/2025

		Safety
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591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the bus used to transport the children is clean and free of trash and debris before allowing children on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2025

		Staff Records
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the first aid kit on the bus used to transport the children has all required equipment. The first aid on the bus at the time of the visit was missing the following items: scissors, tweezers, adhesive tape, thermometer, anti-sting preparation, triangular bandage, face mask, and cold compress. The following items were expired: Benadryl inch cream and Neosporin.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #'s 13 and 17 did not have credentials to qualify them for Lead Teachers. Center has been actively trying to recruit qualified staff and have current staff enroll in training to gain one of the required credentials.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2025

Recited on 2/10/2025