



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/16/2025 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-52419

Developing Minds Academy V

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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.
09/16/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/21/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	
07/22/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	

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-Infants & 1's	Infants and One Year Olds	1	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Floor Play, Nap
Main	B-1's & 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap, Outside, Lunch
Main	C-3's & 4's		0	0	C	17	C	23	C	Not In Use
Main	D-3's & 4's		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Main	E-4's & Up		0	0	C	29	C	41	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 100							
Total # Children this Date: 10			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 100		Building @25 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks		

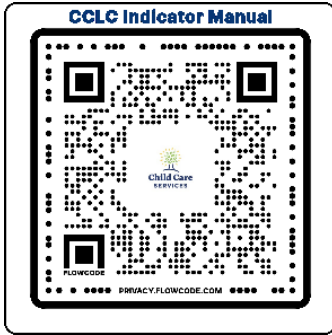
Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Infants, 1's & 2's	58	C
Main	Playground B- 3's & Up	69	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	1	7	0	0	0	17

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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.decal.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(j)(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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the following equipment and furniture hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom A- Infants & 1's

-The trash can at the front right had a broken foot pedal with a protruding metal rod exposed.

Classroom B- 1's & 2's

-The trash can at the front left had a broken foot pedal with a protruding metal rod exposed.

Classroom E- 4's & Up

-There was a broken wooden bookshelf at the back middle with three protruding nails at the top.

-The trash can at the back left had a broken foot pedal with a protruding metal rod exposed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that chairs in the school age classroom are not stacked.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

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

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 that the following potential hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Classroom B- 1's & 2's

- There was a broom and dust pan at the front left of the room on the wall behind the door.
- There were seven ziplock bags with plastic sliders in the children's cubbies.
- There was a plastic grocery bag inside the children's cubbies.
- There was a tube of AD diaper rash cream inside a child's cubby.
- There were two grocery bags inside the children's cubbies at the back middle.

Classroom E-4's & Up

- There were two plastic grocery bags on top of the children's cubbies at the right middle of the room.
- There was an unknown cleaning solution inside an unlocked cabinet at the back right of the room.

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: 9/16/2025

Recited on 9/16/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be 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. It was determined based on observation that the following areas were not in good repair on this date:

Classroom A- Infants & 1's

- The ceiling vents were dusty.

Classroom B- 1's & 2's

- The return vent at the middle of the ceiling was dusty.

Classroom E- 4's & Up

- The ceiling fan and ceiling return vents were dusty.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there was a hanging cord at the front left of classroom B- 1's & 2's near the handwashing sink accessible to children on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2025

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 there was a five and a half inch gap on the right side of the fence on playground B between the chain link fence, the wrought iron gate, and the red wooden 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: 10/16/2025

Recited on 9/16/2025

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2025

Corrected on 9/16/2025

.26(8) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to have required amount of resilient surfacing beneath the swinging and climbing equipment and the fall zones as required on this date.

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 playground hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Playground A- Infants, 1's & 2's:

- There were five exposed iron stakes around the wooden barrier.
- There were thorny vines at the front left chain link fence.
- There were exposed vines growing throughout the chain link fence.
- There were two protruding nails along the wooden post next to the chain link fence and the exterior of the building.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Recited on 9/16/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2025

Corrected on 9/16/2025

.36(4)(a) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to have documentation of a current vehicle inspection on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2025

Corrected on 9/16/2025

.36(4)(b) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant did not observe any vehicle interior hazards on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Corrected on 9/16/2025

.36(7)(d)2. - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to have complete documentation for the transportation checklist as required on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Corrected on 9/16/2025

.30(2)(c) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed all children to be sleeping in and on the required equipment on this date.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Corrected on 9/16/2025

.32(2) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Center to maintain appropriate Staff:child ratios in each classroom as required on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.