



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/2/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:35 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-29154
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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.
04/02/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/31/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/20/2025	Complaint Investigation 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	A 201	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	22	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- 202	One Year Olds	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C-203	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D 204	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Down 157		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Down 161		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Down 163		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Downstairs 155		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-205	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F-206	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	G- 207	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H-208	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I -209	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J- 210	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	160	C	21	NC	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K-211	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	L-212		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	M-213		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	

Main	N-214	GA PreK	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	O-215	GA PreK	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	P-216	GA PreK	3	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Q-217	GA PreK	2	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 367					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 327					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGR	121	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
2	7	10	38	83	0	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

The Director stated that the rooms downstairs, marked as "Down" on the cover sheet, are under Atlanta Public Schools now. The consultant told the director she must go into her DECAL Koala account and submit an amendment to remove these rooms.

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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean. It is not being used at this time due to a contractor knocking down one section of fence. The section is set to be replaced by April 13, 2025.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.20(2) - Spoke with director regarding paperwork.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2025

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.16(f) - Consultant spoke with the director regarding submitting an amendment for rooms that Atlanta Public Schools now has authority over.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2025

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

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.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2025

Corrected on 4/2/2025

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected, in that all staff members had current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letters on this license number.

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.09(1)(l)3. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected, in that all staff members had current Comprehensive Records Check Determination letters on file.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.