



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/26/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-3947

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Quality Rated: No

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.
03/26/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/08/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
10/10/2024	Incident 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	120 Fern	Infants	3	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Nap
Main	122 Virginia Creeper	Infants and One Year Olds	3	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Free Play,Feeding
Main	124 Primrose	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play,Floor Play
Main	126 Lily	One Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	132 Holly	One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	134 Mulberry	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	144 Red Bud	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	146 Dogwood	One Year Olds	3	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers,Story,Diapering,Music
Main	152 Maple	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Circle Time
Main	154 Sweet Gum	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story,Music
Main	164 Willow	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	166 Laurel	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	176 redwood	GA PreK	2	18	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	178 Silver Bells	One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	180 Birch	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	182 Chesnut	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers

Main	186 Elm	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	188 Hickory	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	192 Oak	Three Year Olds	3	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	194 Cypress	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Piazza 121-Infant		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Piazza 151-Toddler II		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Piazza Preschool		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	
Main	Piazza Toddler I		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 405					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 213					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG1-preschool/sa	46	C
Main	PG2-toddler	57	C
Main	PG3-toddler	23	C
Main	PG4-Infant/young toddler	43	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
42	45	39	28	49	11	8

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

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.

Facility

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

591-1-1-.25(11) - The Consultants and Director discussed ensuring that rug corners are repositioned to lay flat to the floor when they begin to peel upward.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - The Consultants and director discussed ensuring cribs have adequate spacing between each crib.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2025**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-.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.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

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