



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/9/2025 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 1:30 PM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-14189
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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.
10/09/2025	POI Follow Up	Deficient	
09/30/2025	TA Follow Up	NA	
08/28/2025	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 1 Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	NC	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play, Nap
Main	B Infants: 2 Left		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C: 3rd Left		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D: 4th Left		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E: 5th Left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F: 6th Left	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G: 3rd Right		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Main	H: 2nd Right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I: 1st Right	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 33					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Outside(3-12 years)	29	C
Main	B outside(Infants-2 years)	37	C
Main	Outside Water play	7	C

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Director Sarah Cole.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/24/2025

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.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025

Corrected on 10/9/2025

.08(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as no hazards were observed.

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025

Corrected on 10/9/2025

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as no hazards were observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that diaper wipes are stored to be inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that to tighten the loose screws on the wobbly picnic table on Playground A.
Discussed replacing the rusted swing chains on playground A.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2025

Corrected on 10/9/2025

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the adequate amount of resilient surfacing was observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed hammering down the exposed barrier bolt on Playground B and removing the disconnected barrier near the swings on Playground A.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that three bottles were not labeled with the individual child's name on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2025

Corrected on 10/9/2025

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Staff # 8 was observed with a completed transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2025

Corrected on 10/9/2025

.36(4)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the exposed form was observed covered with tape.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025

Corrected on 10/9/2025

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as children were observed sleeping on cots.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 13

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 13 did not submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site prior to being present at the site.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #13 did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while children were present for care on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

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

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/13/2025

Corrected on 10/9/2025

.14(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Staff # 11 was observed with a completed first aid and CPR certification.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Defer
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Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)(a)- Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 8/28/2025

Corrected on 10/9/2025

.31(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the registration sticker was observed up-to-date.

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that a ratio of 1:7 was observed in classroom A1 Left, consisting of three infants and four 1-year-old children. A second staff person was needed to meet the minimum ratio of 2:7 for infants.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that a 1-year-old child walked out of classroom A 1 Left without adult supervision for approximately one minute into the front hallway.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2025

Recited on 10/9/2025